

Strengthening Local Relationships
Hadlow Down Parish Council Liaison Meeting
7th August 2017
Meeting Room 2, Building 2 – Ringmer Highways Offices

Minutes

1. Present: Bob Standley (BS), Ian Johnson (IJ), Dominic Ward (DW), Damon Wellman (DW1) and Sandra Richards (SR)
2. Previous minutes were approved with one change 3c Flooding on Main Road opposite Tinkers Lane – Action was DW not IJ.
3. Action points from the last meeting were discussed covering;
 - a. Dog Kennel Lane – This is still on the pending list. **DW**
 - b. Flooding on Main Road opposite Tinkers Lane – This matter has been outstanding since 19/8/15 and numerous visits by engineers to evaluate the site. SR explained that one site visit had shown that the drain fed back into the field from where the water came and agreed to try to find when this report had been issued so it could be chased up. **SR**
SR also reported that the flooding occurred when the ground level water from the field was saturated and had photos to show the extent of the flooding. Agreed to send these to BS. **SR**
DW1 explained that the drains down Tinkers Lane had been affected and erosion around the third drain down had already begun. BS said that he would raise this issue in his monthly report as it has been so long outstanding. **BS**
 - c. Riverside (738011, 11482) – SR reported that Sept 2016 that Highways said that they were going to ditch the road and put piping under the gateway but no date had been received yet. SR asked if it were possible to get ‘a date’ for when ditching work was going to be done – even if sometime in the future so that the residents that were affected by the run off at least knew that the work would be done at some time in the future – having no dates or timescales was frustrating for all.
 - d. Resurfacing work for 2016/17 – DW reported that there was no major surfacing work planning to be carried out. However, there was a jet patcher that was due in the area

within 2 weeks and he had requested that School Lane should be included in this work and asked if there were any other roads that needed to be done urgently. DW1 explained that we had been informed at the last meeting that Pound Green Lane (actually Buxted) was going to be resurfaced between 22 Dec 17 and 2 Jan 18 which was extremely surprising as this was the holiday period and therefore this may be added to the list for jet patching as well. DW will liaise with the Highways Steward responsible.

DW

- e. Speed reduction schemes signage – The information had been received and SR agreed to close this item for the time being as HD did not meet the criteria for speed reduction signage at this time. **CLOSE**
- f. Double yellow line request for School Lane – IJ explained that he had been waiting to have a meeting Iain Turner but this had not happened. Agreed that DW1 would contact him to arrange a site visit. **DW1**
- g. Wilderness Lane, ditching near Gillhope Farm – DW explained that his records showed that the work had been done last year. SR explained that the drainage work had been done approx. 2-3 years ago but the ditch on the left hand side of Wilderness Lane had to be dug out approx. 2 foot to be able to get to a pipe that takes the water under the road. This was still filled in with silt etc and had not been cleared again. DW will check this and then chase up to put it on the schedule again. **DW**
- h. Brick Kiln Lane – DW explained that this was scheduled in for repair and that the road would have to be closed and therefore he had now checked for all of the potholes etc to be done at the same time. Work to be carried out within 28 days. **DW**
- i. Turning sign at Summer Hill – DW explained that when the contractors had fixed the sign again, they had managed to move it slightly back and it did not appear to have been hit for two weeks!! This will be monitored.
- j. Directional sign by Pippins Nursery – the order was meant to have been placed for this in Feb 2017 but still no date when it is going to be ready. DW to chase this further. **DW**
- k. Gully clearance dates on website – it had not been checked whether these had improved but agreed to close and re-open again if further problems reported. **CLOSE**

4. Drainage

- a. A272 heading east at The Toll. DW had visually checked this drain cover and it did not appear to meet the criteria and therefore had been categorized as a Cat 4 which means it will be monitored. DW1 explained that, when measured, it most probably would meet the necessary criteria and that cars were avoiding the cover and driving on the wrong side of the road which was causing a danger. DW said that, due to its location, the only way to measure it accurately would be to arrange traffic lights. BS said that if traffic lights were being organized then the drain may as well be fixed anyway if it was causing danger for road users. DW to check further. **DW**
- b. A272 heading east (last drain cover before village sign). This is also categorized as a CAT 4 as neither the drain cover itself nor the resulting tarmac break up is considered serious enough at this stage to be repaired.
- c. Five Chimneys Lane – this has been marked to be fixed due to the fact that the cover is breaking. DW1 asked if this should be covered by the warranty of the sub-contractors as the lane was only re-tarmaced within the last year. DW to ask. **DW**

5. Speed Management

- a. National speed limit sign heading north in School Lane – SR explained that cars are speeding up when opposite the entrance to the play area which makes it dangerous. IJ will look at it when he does the site visit mentioned in 3f above but thought it was unlikely to be moved as large pending list of signs to be moved and more likely to be taken into account when building of new community centre. **IJ**
- b. 50mph limit on A272 between Buxted and HD – IJ reported that this section of road was now registered in the second year as part of a 2-year programme for areas where speed limits need to be looked at. There was no guarantee that it would be done (as dependent on funding) but positive that it had been included. **IJ**

6. Outstanding items

- a. Fingerpost at junction of Tinkers Lane – finger post had been ordered but no timescale **DW**
- b. Fingerpost with blue lines from S E Water – nothing heard from S E Water. DW1 is due to inspect finger posts shortly and said that he will fix this. **CLOSE**
- c. Pavement in School Lane – no progress as Kier have denied responsibility (despite witness statement) and ESCC do not believe it is 'bad' enough to fix. BS said that he would look at this as part of his WDC responsibility. **BS**

7. Any Other Business

IJ reported that junction of A267/A272 had been earmarked as an 'accident spot' and therefore there would be additional signage and line changes to help improve the junction but there were no timescales about when this would happen.

- 8. Next Meeting – it was agreed that as no one who now attended the meeting was based at Ringmer, that the next meeting would be held at the Village Hall in Hadlow Down which was more convenient for everyone. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 5th Feb at 9.30 am.