

**Strengthening Local Relationships
Hadlow Down Parish Council Liaison Meeting
4 March 2019
Hadlow Down Village Hall**

Minutes

1. Present: Ian Johnson (IJ), (LR) Dominic Ward (DoW), Damon Wellman (DW) and Sandra Richards (SR)

Apologies: Bob Standley (BS), Liam Reilly (LR)

2. Previous minutes were approved.
3. Action points from the last meeting were discussed covering;
- a. Riverside (738011, 11482) – This has not been done yet but SR requested that it remained open as was serious and therefore DoW check the ditches at the far end of Riverside when it was raining as pipes were blocked at that end. **DoW**
 - b. Wilderness Lane, ditching near Gillhope Farm – SR thanked ESCC for the resurfacing work that has been done in Wilderness Lane. However, further report of blocked ditch has now been made and DoW has reported this. **DoW**
 - c. Brick Kiln Lane – erosion of road (17848) – again a Cat 4 defect has been raised. DW had taken a photograph of the serious subsidence that has been caused. A recent planning application for 3 new houses has been passed and therefore the degradation of the road is going to get even worse with construction traffic. DoW said that he would re-look at this issue and take photographs before any construction traffic. **DoW**
 - d. Drain cover repairs – As BS was not there agreed to raise this with him at the PC meeting the following day. **BS**
 - e. 50mph limit on A272 between Buxted and HD – This proposal is still in the 2nd year of the programme to be considered for speed reduction – still no guarantee that it will be done. **IJ**
 - f. Pavement in School Lane – Agreed to close this item as it has been argued over for too long and nothing has been achieved. **CLOSE**

- g. Overhanging trees on Wheelers and Brick Kiln Lanes – Land Registry details have been obtained and have been passed to the enforcement department. **LR**
- h. Surface water flooding the Old Dairy, Main Road, steward liaising with ESH Drainage lead to develop permanent solution – DoW is still liaising **DoW**
- i. Road surface at junction of Brick Kiln, Waghorns, Stonehurst and Stocklands Lanes – DoW has recently been asked to complete road closure signs and although he does not have a specific date, he believes that this will be done within approx. one month.
- j. Drain at the bottom of Five Chimneys Lane needs digging out to unblock – believe that this has been done. **CLOSE**
- k. Horse warning sign heading west on east side of village has disappeared along with 50 mph repeater signs – DoW has reported this as a cat 4 defect. **DoW**

4. Outstanding items

- a. Drain covers (321263) on A272 damaged, near Little England Farm (previously repaired 3/18) and outside Thimble Cottage – DoW stated that 321263 should have been looked at by now and he would raise it urgently. The drain cover outside of Thimble Cottage may not have been reported but he will investigate. **DoW**

DW raised the issue of how the warranty on drain cover (and other) repairs were shown on ESCC system as it was not clear how this was done and whether the contractor was held responsible for bad repairs. **DoW** will discuss with LR and SR/DW agreed to raise this with BS at tomorrow's PC meeting. **DoW. SR/DW**

- b. Damaged and missing signs between A267 and Tinkers Lane on south side of A272 reported on 7/12/18. Included Spring/Dog Kennel Lane directional sign which has been hit again, also reported under 322890 – SR explained that another resident had complained that she had witnessed the purposeful damaging of the signs and could not believe that ESCC would not chase the contractor for the cost of replacement – agreed to raise this with BS at PC meeting. **SR**

DoW would try to find out date of when signs would get replaced/repaired. **DoW**

- c. Wilderness Wood tourist directional sign needing repair (294122) – IJ explained that this was not a highways issue as tourist signs were the responsibility of the tourist location (even though permission to place the sign had to be made through ESCC). Therefore, SR agreed to contact Wilderness Wood to inform them. **SR**
5. Planned Roadworks can be viewed on www.eastsussexhighways.com
6. Any Other Business
- a. A272 east of Civers on northern side road falling away – this had been checked and had been noted as a Cat 4 defect but no immediate action to be taken.
 - b. Traffic speed detection radars on A272 – IJ explained that some additional funding had been received and therefore they had put speed-checking data in a number of locations throughout the area. However, no action would be taken from this speed data as the same criteria about accidents/injuries still applied and even if the data showed an extremely high average/85th percentile figure, still no further action would be taken. SR said that the comparative data to the previous ones taken in 2011 was still useful and could be shown to the village at the Parish Assembly.
 - c. Wilderness Lane near Gillhope Farm – see 3b above.
 - d. Other reports
 - i. Drain covers between Five Chimneys Lane and the village – these were all showing problems of one kind or other. **DoW**
 - ii. Patch of tarmac just east of Five Chimneys Lane – the tarmac repair which had been done by S E Water is now beginning to fall apart. **DoW**
7. Next Meeting – it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 16th September 2019 at 9.30 am at Hadlow Down Village Hall