

HADLOW DOWN PC – COUNCILLOR UPDATES FOR MTG 12th JANUARY 2021

Julian Michaelson-Yeates

(1) Cleared fallen tree across road in Hastingford Lane.

(2) Inspected A272 to the west of Hadlow Down and lanes north of A272. Reported drainage, road marking and pothole faults to ESCC Highways.

Peter Weston

Local roads have continued to be a focus of my work over the past few weeks. A survey of the A272 and lanes to the south of the A272 has been carried out in preparation for the 'Strengthening Local Relations' (SLR) meeting that will be held later this month. A significant number of problems have been identified including the collapse of the edges of many sections of narrow lanes (e.g. Wilderness and Tinkers Lanes), and deep ruptures to the tarmac surrounding many manholes (particularly on the A272) – these have been reported to ESCC. The periods of heavy rain have also, once again, caused drainage and flooding problems, including to the Church grounds; these will also be raised at the SLR meeting.

Work has continued on the installation of a SID (Speed Indicator Display) with a focus on the support poles that will be required at the two initial locations. I had hoped that ESCC would by now have been able to inspect the two proposed sites and the licensing process would have been completed. The holiday period coupled with the ramifications of the Covid pandemic have meant that this has not been the case – progress will be discussed at the forthcoming SLR meeting. As for the SID itself, the selected supplier is on stand-by and will be able to fulfil the order once the licensing process has been completed and as soon as the Government's Covid restrictions permit. It has been a longer than anticipated process!