

Peter Weston – Activity Report for October 2023 Meeting

Highways: Numerous potholes and blocked drains in School Lane and A272 reported to East Sussex Highways.

Footpaths: Erosion of the footpath by the A272 to the east of Wheelers Lane reported – ESx say they will monitor as does not yet meet their criteria for repair. An apparent change of route to footpath 3b queried – response awaited.

Strengthening Local Relationships Meeting (26th Sept): Report compiled and discussed based on comprehensive data (from the PC's two SIDs) that clearly shows that the graduated speed zoning on the westbound approach to the village reduces vehicle speeds much more effectively than the sudden drop from 30 mph to 60 mph on the approach to the village from Buxted (an extract of the data presented is included below). Two proposals were put forward: First: To the east of the village the start of the 30mph zone should be introduced with a large sign that includes the village name (as on the eastbound approach) sited at the top of Tinkers Lane. Second: Coming into the village from Buxted, to have a clear graduated zone system (mirroring that at the other end of the village) in order to slow traffic approaching three key pedestrian and horse rider crossing points by the church and Burial Ground, and the dangerous and busy junction with School Lane. It was emphasised that the three crossing points were used by children from St Mark's School accessing the Smile Meadow facility, elderly people and horse riders; and the main footpath crossing point is only a few metres inside the 30 mph zone. ESx Highways has agreed to consider the paper in time for a report to the November meeting of the Parish Council.

A272	Total Vehicles	30+ mph	35+ mph	40+ mph
Westbound 06.00 to 09.00	57589	63.26	35.07	14.03
Westbound 18.00 to 21.00	30848	69.80	39.45	15.18
Eastbound 06.00 to 09.00	56451	64.81	40.48	18.71
Eastbound 18.00 to 21.00	65955	64.99	39.68	17.41

SID1: Routine battery changes and data download (ever two weeks). SID 1 will be moved to the Wilderness A272 site on 1st August.

Second SID (SID2): This was moved to School Lane on 1st September but has suffered some software problems. It was returned from repair on 28th Sept and is now hopefully fully functional

SID Data: The data for September and October will be reported to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

29th September 2023
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