

**MEETING BETWEEN HCC HIGHWAYS, WINCHFIELD & DOGMERSFIELD PCs**  
**FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2020**  
**@ 1330**  
**WINCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

<b>Attendance</b> Cllr David Simpson, HCC (Chairman) Daniel Beasant, HCC Ian Janes, HCC Cllr Meyrick Williams, WPC Cllr Louise Hodgetts, WPC Cllr Kate Stewart, WPC Cllr Graham Chisnall, Chairman of DPC Cllr Alastair Clark, DPC Mrs Alison Ball, WPC Clerk	<b>Apologies</b> Police
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Introductions were made and each of the issues raised at the previous meeting were reviewed:

**Winchfield Parish Council Issues**

1. 24202148: Deep gully, Bagwell Lane – This was still an issue. KS advised that a car had recently become stuck in one of the ruts on Bagwell Lane and it was pulled out by the AA. The problem was at the point where the road narrowed and was particularly dangerous because it was not immediately obvious how deep the rut was. DB reported that he had inspected the area and it was not a safety issue as it was not more than 6 inches deep. Councillors advised that it was at least this deep and DB agreed to reinspect this area. KS and MW offered to meet DS on site to confirm the exact location. **Action: DB to carry out an inspection.**
2. 7063742: Fallen tree, Bagwell Lane – a large tree had come down and needed to be cleared from the verge. DS had advised before the meeting that the tree was the responsibility of the adjacent landowner and he had provided a plan showing the extent of the highway. MW asked for clarification of the guidance with regard to responsibility for verges. DB advised that highway boundaries were based on historic mapping. It was possible for landowners to own right to the middle of the road and there be highway rights over the land. The pragmatic view was that the highway ended at the centre of the hedge running alongside the road. However often these hedges have been removed or fences have been put on the inside of the hedges blurring the boundary. If there is a ditch running alongside a road this will normally be the landowners responsibility except where it has been put in by the Highways Authority specifically for highway drainage. Maps were available to Highways officers but these were not publicly available. DB could look up specific cases when needed for highways issues or an application could be made through the Highways Asset Team.
3. 24202150: B3016 – weight restriction and road surface – it had been agreed that the road surface on the B3016 opposite North Lodge and near the entrance to Winchfield House would be inspected to investigate the cause of vibrations associated with large vehicles on this road. DB confirmed that this had taken place and no safety issues had been identified. He had submitted the road for potential site patching in the future which would make the surface smoother and less likely to cause vibrations. There were no time scales for this as it would go on a list that was prioritised annually. LH advised that the issue was exacerbated by the size and weight of vehicles using the road which were too big for the road and travelled too fast. DB

confirmed that the road was unlikely to meet any of the criteria for weight or width restrictions and there was nothing HCC could do.

4. Review Location of 50 mph signage on the B3016 (near the Pet Crematorium) – IJ advised that work could be done to try to reduce speeds in this area through the community measures that he had previously discussed with MW and LH. In response to a question about whether the speed limit would be extended IJ stated that HCC rarely did any speed work and these measures were accident led. He could look at signing and lining but a SID would not be suitable here due to the speed limit being too high. It was important that residents report any traffic incidents, even where there were no injuries, so a record was made and a pattern could be spotted. DS reported that he had been made aware that insurance companies were holding data on roads as certain groups of people were not able to get insurance when they regularly used, what the insurance companies had determined as, dangerous roads. He would raise this with Cllr Rob Humby to see if anything could be done to gain access to this information. **Action DS**
5. 24201457: missing signage on unnamed road off Pale Lane – the HCC reporting system showed this as complete but the signs were still missing. The giveaway signs were missing and the markings on the road were so faded they were impossible to see. There was also a finger post but this had gone. **Action: DB agreed to look into this.**
6. Refurbishment of Road Signs, retaining character of signs in The Hurst (2), Bagwell Lane/Station Road, Bagwell Lane/B3016 – There had been an agreement with Ian Holt that HCC would replace one finger post on the triangle at the Hurst and the others would be done by WPC. DS advised that this had been ordered. **Action: DB agreed to chase this up.**
7. Junction of Pale Lane and Barley Mow: WPC would contact IJ.
8. 24204153: Water Treatment Plant kerbstones: DB advised that the local engineer had removed the first 2 kerbstones and more work would be done before the end of the financial year. MW did not think any kerbstones had been removed. **Action DB**
9. 24202157: Blocked drain outside Station Lodge: DB advised that a gang had been out and rodded the drain and it was all clear.
10. 24202159: Loose Manhole cover on B3016: LH advised that there were now two loose manhole covers on the B3016 and one on Dilly Lane that was particularly bad. She believed that they had become loose after the installation of the fibre cables. DB had been to look at the one on the B3016 and it did not belong to HCC. He confirmed that it did sound loose but he did not witness it bounce. He agreed to pass this onto the correct agency and to pass on details of who were responsible for the manhole covers so others could report them to the correct authorities. **Action DB**
11. 24202162: Poor road surface on Church Lane near the Queens Head: it was felt that this surface had become uneven after gas works had been carried out. DB advised that there was a two year guarantee for all road works done by services. He had looked at this road and there were no defects that would be categorised as a safety issue. He had however added it to the programme for surface dressing.
12. SIDs: IJ had requested details of the size and dimensions of the SID to be used so that he could ensure that the posts were being placed in a suitable place allowing enough clearance for large vehicles to pass. LH had contacted Philip Sheppard at HDC about this. **Action LH**

#### **Dogmersfield Parish Council Issues**

1. 21426678: Damage to Traffic Island outside Church Rise – the post had been replaced. Discussions were ongoing regarding changing the surface at this location.
2. Request to 'drop curb' adjacent to Highway Cottage – AC confirmed this had been done and he expressed his thanks.

3. Provision of new posts or use of existing ones for deployment of SIDs – IJ agreed to do a walk about the village with representatives from DPC to discuss this. LH agreed to email AC with the details of how to go about getting approval from HCC for SID sites. **Actions IJ, AC, GC, LH**
4. Discuss joint speed watch with Winchfield – it was noted that this might also extend to include Mattingley Parish Council.
5. Parking Outside J&J Motors - This continued to be a problem and AC would write to Philip Sheppard requesting that he look into it. **Action AC**
6. Pilcot Hill, Chatter Alley footway link – AC asked that this remain on the agenda but it was not a priority at the moment. AC asked whether a priority over on coming vehicles restriction could be put on the bridge. IJ agreed to have a look at this on the walk around the Village. **Action AC/IJ.**
7. Future development in Dogmersfield ; site vehicles, etc. parking on roads. - **Action Monitor by DPC**
8. Traffic calming reflectors – AC to provide a list of what is required to DB. **Action AC**

#### **NEW ISSUES:**

##### **Winchfield Parish Council**

1. Fallen Tree at Bagwell Lane: Discussed above.
2. 21475714: Flooding on Old Potbridge Lane: a report had been received about flooding on Old Potbridge Lane which was running onto the B3016 causing a danger especially in the cold weather when it had turned to ice. The road had recently been cleaned at the junction with the B3016. Debris had been cleared by a member of the public from the mouth of the drain but this has not resolved the problem and it was thought further action was needed. There had been further issues with the water from Winchfield View being pumped out onto Old Potbridge Lane. DB agreed to have a look at this. **Action DB**
3. Flooding on Taplins Farm Lane, Bagwell Lane and Station Road: MW reported that Taplins Farm Lane and Bagwell Lane were seriously flooded, as was usually the case, and both were impassable. Station Road was badly rutted but a pot hole had recently been filled. DB advised that the repairs to Station Road had been temporary and there would be permanent repairs.
4. Repairs to damaged roads – potholes and gullies between the tarmac and verge: this was particularly bad on Bagwell Lane and Pale Lane and both would be reported.
5. Parking on Station Road: MW expressed his thanks for the quick response by HCC in restoring the yellow line on Station Road but he asked if it could be made more prominent. DB advised that yellow road markings did not always go down well on surface dressing but he would have a look at it. **Action DB**
6. Water at corner of Spratts Hatch Lane and The Hurst: MW reported that there was a lot of water at this location which appeared to be coming from the canal car park. DB agreed to have a look. **Action DB.**

##### **Dogmersfield Parish Council**

1. Traffic and Pedestrian Flows over the bridge in the centre of the village during busy times: GC advised that a plan was being developed to make improvements around the village focusing on the centre of the village. Part of this would be to look at the bridge in the centre which had no right of way, giveaway or pedestrian markings. This was causing a safety issue particularly at school drop off and pick up times when pedestrians were crossing the bridge, often with a buggy. Consideration needed to be given to a priority system and/or the ability to mark a space for pedestrians. IJ advised that he could have a look and see what would be possible. Giveaway

markings would require good visibility and they didn't always solve the problems as drivers tended to rush for the gap. **Action GC/IJ**

2. Parked traffic around the school at busy times: it was requested that consideration be given to putting warning zigzags outside the school gates as this was currently unrestricted and parents parked here blocking sight lines. IJ suggested that DPC raise this with Philip Sheppard and ask about a school travel plan. **Action GC**
3. Closure of Unofficial Layby on Chalky Lane: it was advised that vehicles had been parking on a wide verge on Chalky Lane which had caused an unsightly muddy mess. It was asked if HCC could do anything to stop this such as putting in posts. DB agreed to have a look but it was unlikely that HCC would take any action unless the parked vehicles were causing a safety issue. GC asked if the parish council could plant trees in this location and in response DB advised that he would need to speak to the HCC arboricultural team about the type of trees that could be planted and a cultivation licence would be needed with an agreement for the parish council to look after the trees. If rutting was a particular problem HCC may fill it in, initially with stone and then possibly build up the bank in the future.
4. Siting of SIDs and provision of additional posts: this had already been discussed as above.
5. Parking on the bend in front of J&J Motors: this had already been discussed as above.
6. Village Gateways: there were three ways into the village – via Pilcot Hill, Chatter Alley and Church Lane and the possibility of installing welcome signs and fences was raised. IJ would look at this during the walk around the village. **Action DC/AC/IJ**
7. Crondall Lane Flooding: GC asked if the flooding at the bottom of Crondall Lane on the junction with the A287 could be looked at. There was a significant amount of water at this location and vehicles were going onto the wrong side of the road to avoid it. DB agreed to have a look at it. **Action DB**
8. Missing Road Markings: GC requested that attention be given to the junction of Home Farm Road and a single track road as there were no road markings which could cause an accident. He had previously registered this with HCC and he agreed to forward the reference number to DB. **Action DB/GC**

GC thanked highways for the speed of attendance to a fallen tree on Church Lane.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

Date of the next meeting: Friday 5 June 2020 @ 1330