

MINUTES SLR MEETING

26th April 2022 – 10am – Dunn Village Hall

Attendees: Darren Bass (Highway steward), Corinne Black (Customer Services Manager), Ian Johnson (Traffic & Safety), Cllr Long, Cllr Williamson, Cllr Graham, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Wells and the Clerk

Apologies for absence: Ruby Brittle (Stakeholder & Engagement Manager)
ESCC & WDC Bob Bowdler – family commitment

Minutes from SLR meeting on the 28th October 2021

The minutes were approved.

Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

Members noted a number of items which had been raised at the last meeting had now been addressed:

The junction of Flitterbrook Lane with Marklye Lane
Woods Corner
Prinkle Lane

Cllr Long referred to Item 9 from the previous meeting: overgrown trees and hedgerows in the parish. ESCC had received maps and photos in October 2021, the season for bird nesting would be commencing and there had been no progress.

Corinne agreed to investigate as a matter of priority. **Action Corinne.**

Cllr Long confirmed there had been communication with Trevor Merchant. Trevor had also confirmed that some road works were being incorrectly booked in as emergency works resulting in less signage and inadequate diversion routes. Trevor was investigating. Highways ARE responsible for the enforcement of signage from companies completing roadworks on the highway. Highways to confirm this in writing as the previous minutes were inaccurate. **Action Corinne to liaise with Trevor Merchant.**

Corinne confirmed that any concerns regarding road work signage should be reported directly to herself.

Iwood Dip

All councillors expressed dissatisfaction at the length of time the Iwood Dip had been in its current state and reiterated how dangerous it was to passing traffic.

Corrine confirmed the works had been booked in for the 8th August but final confirmation had not yet been received. Darren would put the barriers which had fallen down back up and Corrine would attempt to bring forward the date for repair works.

Corinne confirmed that works are tackled by either Highways or the drainage team depending on the severity of the problem. Corinne meets weekly with the Drainage Works Manager.

Corinne to confirm the length of time the works would last and ensure the Parish Council were informed of all the details so they can make the local community aware. It is the most used road between Rushlake Green and Bodle Street Green. The Clerk would keep Corinne informed with any problems regarding the diversion route. Corinne to investigate if a better barrier could be put in place.

Action Corinne & Darren.

Highways were asked to confirm the process they use to prioritise work.

Corinne confirmed the drainage engineer would assess and investigate the problem. They would complete a risk assessment and the score would determine its priority.

Blocking the carriageway – category 1 – repaired within 2 hours.

A pothole which was 30cm X 30cm wide and 10cm deep – category 1 – repaired within 2 hours.

A pothole which was 30cm X 30cm wide and 6-10cm deep – category 2 - repaired within 5 days.

A pothole which was 30cm X 30cm wide and 4-6cm deep – category 3 - repaired within 28 days.

Erosion at the edge of the highway would depend on if it was the carriageway or the verge. The erosion would need to be at least 30cm X 30cm and 10cm deep. An assessment would then be made. If the tarmac was not damaged it would be classified as soft verges. Grass verges are not seen as a priority and repair work could take months/years or not at all.

Darren confirmed he would make an instant decision regarding a category 1,2 or 3 pothole.

When reporting an issue to Highways, it was requested the more detail the better and include photos if possible. Highways have to inspect the area within 10 days.

Review of traffic surveys in Bodle Street Green and Rushlake Green & Traffic calming options for the parish council including match funding opportunities

Councillors expressed concern that they had been unable to accurately analyse the traffic survey results. The PC would liaise with Highways for further clarification. Once this process had been completed the results would be published on the PC's website. **Action Jackie.**

Ian agreed to a further meeting between himself and the PC to discuss the options available. **Action Jackie.**

Ian would support the PC if they wanted to proceed with painted roundels which would be a minimum cost. The roundels would need to be resolved at Full Council. It would be the responsibility of the PC to decide where and how many roundels they would request. The clerk would then make a formal request which would include the proposed locations. Ian would also consider roundels for Bodle Street Green. **Action PC.**

There could be an option for additional speed sign on the verge.

Jo Tucker at WDC would be the conservationist contact if needed regarding potential roundels.

Missing Bodle Street Green village signs on North Road

Councillors stated there is only a post where the village sign used to be. Darren to complete a site visit and liaise with Corinne. **Action Darren and Corinne.**

Leaning 30mph sign at the corner of Toll Lane and Prinkle Lane

Darren confirmed the sign had been logged and would be repaired within 28 days.

Highways update

Corinne reported in the last 6 months within the parish boundary there had been:

- 4 road repairs including patching at North Street Punnetts Town and repair work to a bridge by Trout Farm
- 5 drainage repairs
- 1 verge issue
- 2 traffic management issues
- 9 open cases with the PC which were 3 carriage way issues, 3 drainage issues and hedges and trees

There were no major roadworks in the foreseeable future but the PC would be sent an email if that changed.

One Network shows any up coming roadworks.

Any other business

Councillors raised concerns over the hedge at Clippenham Corner, the hedge had grown out into the road and there had been 2 accidents in the last 3 weeks. **Action Darren & Corinne.**

2 deer signs at Marklye Lane had disappeared. Caroline to email Jackie and Andy with a new location which is a popular for deer crossing. Jackie to report to Highways. **Action Caroline & Jackie**

Ian confirmed there were some funds available from a community aspiration fund. He has added the speed limit extension from 30 to 40 to the list. **Action Jackie and Ian.**

Ian confirmed if the PC were interested in speed indication devices then a site visit with himself and a representative from ESCC would need to be arranged to discuss possible locations. The PC were advised to contact Rotherfield, Dane Hill and Maresfield for statistical evidence of the effectiveness of the devices. **Action Jackie.**

Additional speed signage could cost up to £10,000 and would require a feasibility study.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28th March at the Dunn Village Hall at 10.45am

The meeting closed at 11.15am