

FEBRUARY 2023 UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Since my last report in January 2023, I have made no further reports about Highway issues to KCC. This means the grand total remains at 108.

101 of the 108 have now been dealt either in a satisfactory manner or with a satisfactory explanation. 7 are still outstanding.

The water leak in Pond Farm Road by the Church has been repaired along with the large pothole. The 30mph signs in Pond Farm Road just as you enter the village are obscured by vegetation and the 30mph sign on the road is worn out and awaiting the Spring for improvements.

The provision of new signs at the junction of Sutton Baron Road and Pond Farm Road has yet to happen. The school sign in School Lane near the village has yet to be moved. Other works still to be completed include the white line renewals in Pond Farm Road, and Oad Street. The sign just before Oad Street has still not been moved.

Provision of Bench at junction of Mountview and The Street

The provision of a Charlbury bench within the bus shelter near to this junction was agreed by the Council in January 2023. The Clerk will bring us up to date at the February Council meeting with regard to its funding.

M2/Junction 5 Stockbury roundabout improvements

Information about road closures and diversions continues to be supplied by Grahams and are displayed by the Clerk on our various social media pages. The Eastbound slips were reopened on the 30th January 2023.

There has been no further news about this Council's letter to KCC with regard to the need for a safety risk assessment for Maidstone Road and Chestnut Street.

There has been no further information from KCC Highways with regard to the missing link at Oad Street.

KCC Highways Service

At the January 2023 meeting it was resolved that the Clerk writes to County Cllr Baldock outlining the originally approved 20mph scheme and that the Parish Council have had funds available in budget to implement this. This letter has been written and copies circulated.

Waiting restrictions in The Street, Borden.

It was agreed by Council in the light of local consultation to proceed with asking KCC Highways to extend the existing no waiting restrictions in The Street by 50 meters. The Clerk has written and KCC have replied that the scheme has been passed to their Planning and Advice team for assessment.

Key Street Roundabout Improvements

At the Council's last meeting it was resolved to write a letter again to National Highways expressing considerable concern about the standard of the alignment of the new southbound slip road from the new Chestnut Street roundabout to the existing southbound A249. This proposed new access would lead to a high risk of serious accidents where the new slip road meets with the A249. This letter has been written to the CEO of National Highways and also sent to the Minister of Transport. A copy has been circulated to Councillors.

Although new alignments for Chestnut Street between the Key Street roundabout and the new Chestnut Street roundabout was discussed at the last Council meeting it would appear that no new alignment has yet been decided.

Speedwatch

The new Co-ordinator continues to contact volunteers in an attempt to find resources to carry out the speed checks.

John Fassenfelt February 2023.