

Key Points from Highways Meeting held on Tuesday 28th April 2015 - forwarded by a fellow Clerk.

1. Budget for 2015/16 is £6 million; a couple of years ago it was £11 million.
2. WC have recently discovered that they have been emptying bins not belonging to them; if the bins belong to a PC, then the parish has to undertake this duty - so a cost saving to WC.
3. Litter bins broken or beyond repair:  
If a litter bin is broken or beyond repair they will remove it and it is up to the parish / town to replace it. BUT if the parish does replace the bin they will then be liable for getting it emptied even if it is on highway land. There has been talk of removing all rural litter bins as they have noticed that if there isn't a bin people take their rubbish home.
4. Discussion on highway responsibilities in specific areas eg play areas (184), closed churchyards (47) and toilets (?); information will be circulated.
5. Verges will now be cut once a year except where there is a visibility issue.
6. BBLB have to empty all 82,000 gullies every year, this runs from 1st June - 31st May  
Gullies will not be emptied off the schedule unless there is a risk to property or it might cause an accident on the road. Those gullies which have grass growing out of them will not be considered a priority for that reason alone.
7. Street signs - any maintenance will take a while - upwards of a year.
9. Other comments were the norm, time taken to do anything, feedback of lack of it.
10. One parish asked if we could fill our own potholes - the Officer (Adrian) will look into it!!!