

MEETING BETWEEN HCC HIGHWAYS, WINCHFIELD & DOGMERSFIELD PCs

FRIDAY 8 JANUARY 2021

@ 1330

MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS DUE TO GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON SOCIAL DISTANCING TO TRY TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Attendance Cllr David Simpson, HCC (Chairman) (DS) Keith Thompson, HCC (KT) Cllr Meyrick Williams, WPC (MW) Cllr Louise Hodgetts, WPC (LH) Cllr Kate Stewart, WPC (KS) Cllr Graham Chisnall, Chairman of DPC (GC) Cllr Sarah Miles, DPC (SM) Mrs Alison Ball, WPC Clerk (AB)	Apologies Police Ian Janes, HCC (IJ)
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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 had been completed. HCC had arranged for the road to be closed and WPC along with a group of volunteers had cleared the ditches. Thanks were expressed to Dan Beasant for his help with this. During recent rainfall the road didn't flood which was great, but this would be a temporary fix and further work would be needed. **Action: WPC to monitor once all works complete.**
2. 7063742: Fallen tree, Bagwell Lane: closed.
3. 24202150: B3016 – weight restriction and road surface: KT was unaware of any action on this, he would follow up with Dan Beasant. LH advised that it was getting worse, even since the last meeting. The construction lorries and the logging lorries were still going up and down the road causing the houses to shake because of the weight of the vehicles. It was thought that the road surface particularly outside North Lodge and near the entrance to Winchfield House was exasperating the issue and causing some of the noise problems. Also residents had complained about the size of the vehicles using the road as some were not able to fit on one side of the carriageway forcing oncoming traffic towards, and sometimes on to, the verge. There had also been an increase in cyclists using the road meaning vehicles were often passing them in the centre of the carriageway. There had been an accident outside Winchfield Farm when a vehicle was passing a cyclist. LH expressed concern generally about the size of vehicles using this road and the speed at which vehicles travelled on this road and it was only a matter of time before there was a serious accident. KT advised it was probably something to discuss with Ian Janes as it was more a safety issue than a maintenance issue. **Action: KT to ask DB for an update. WPC to arrange a meeting with IJ.**
4. Review Location of 50 mph signage on the B3016 (near the Pet Crematorium): this would be included in the discussion above with IJ. **Action: WPC to discuss with IJ.**
5. 24201457: missing signage on unnamed road off Pale Lane: MW had been in discussion with KT about this. KT had instructed one of his technicians to put together a prescription for the work order for new finger post. This would go off to Skanska and KT would let WPC know when a price was available. MW confirmed that WPC had authorised a spend of £2,600 on this which was the same as the cost of the last replacement fingerpost. **Action: WPC and KT to work to replace the finger post.**

6. Refurbishment of Road Signs, retaining character of signs in The Hurst (2), Bagwell Lane/Station Road, Bagwell Lane/B3016: Complete.
7. Junction of Pale Lane and Barley Mow: WPC were still to consider this.
8. 24204153: Water Treatment Plant kerbstones: Work had been done at this site but it was not the work WPC had wanted. However there had not been any serious flooding since the work had been carried out. KS confirmed that the water was still collecting and not draining away but this was not in a place where it would cause a problem. It was agreed to close this item but monitor it.
9. 24202157: Blocked drain outside Station Lodge: Feedback on this had been expected from Dan Beasant to understand if the work had been completed. **Action: KT to check with Dan Beasant for an update.**
10. 24202159: Loose Manhole covers on B3016: Complete.
11. 24202162: Poor road surface on Church Lane near the Queens Head: this was a DPC issue.
12. SIDs: Prior to the meeting IJ had confirmed that the street furniture should be in store in the week commencing 18 January. LH asked GC for an update on DPCs progress with this as discussions had taken place about working together and possibly sharing a SID. GC confirmed that a survey had been undertaken with residents to establish the top priorities for the parish. The SIDs had not made it into the top priorities but this did not mean it would not be progressed. He would raise it again at DPC.
13. 21475714: Flooding on Old Potbridge Lane: WPC had not received any update on this. KS advised that she would check next time it rained to see if this was still an issue and then report back. KT was not aware of any action by water management.
14. Flooding on Taplins Farm Lane, Bagwell Lane and Station Road: A meeting had taken place between MW and a representative from the Local Flooding Authority which had been very helpful in terms of understanding the problems. DS advised that the HDC rep for flooding was now working at HCC.
15. Repairs to damaged roads – potholes and gullies between the tarmac and verge: Closed.
16. Parking on Station Road: Closed.
17. Land North of Winchfield Court: the issues now were unrelated to Hampshire Highways.

Dogmersfield Parish Council Issues

1. 21426678: Damage to Traffic Island outside Church Rise: Done. Closed.
2. Request to 'drop curb' adjacent to Highway Cottage: Done. Closed.
3. Provision of new posts or use of existing ones for deployment of SIDs: As discussed in item 12 above. This would be revisited.
4. Discuss joint speed watch with Winchfield: as above.
5. Parking Outside J&J Motors: This was still an issue of concern. Vehicles visiting the garage were parking on the road and once one car parked more parked successively behind until the parked cars reached the junction which was dangerous. Hampshire Highways had looked at this as part of the walk round the village and it had been agreed that there was a problem and some remedial measures had been discussed. GC confirmed that parking should be prohibited around the junction and he would speak to IJ about this. DS suggested that this was more an issue for Philip Sheppard at HDC. GC reported that the parish council was between clerks at the current time but once the new clerk was in post this would be followed up. DS agreed to speak to IJ and Philip Sheppard. **Action: DPC to work with IJ and Philip Sheppard. DS to contact IJ and Philip Sheppard about how to progress this.**
6. Pilcot Hill, Chatter Alley footway link: there were some proposals for how a footway link across Pilcot Green could be done and it was hoped that HCC might contribute funding for this. There were concerns about pedestrians walking from Crookham Village to the school in Dogmersfield and having to walk alongside the road at Pilcot Green down Chatter Alley in rush hour. GC

confirmed that this would not be solely for school use but the immediate concern was parents walking children to school. **Action: DS to raise at the meeting about School Streets.**

7. Future development in Dogmersfield ; site vehicles, etc. parking on roads: GC reported that this problem seemed to go through phases depending on when homeowners were doing renovations. There were often contractors vehicles parked on Church Lane in clusters around homes having work done. It was suggested that HDC be approached to see if they could include as a condition on planning applications that no parking cones be put out. **Action: GC to contact HDC Planning.**
8. Traffic calming reflectors – Closed.
9. Traffic and Pedestrian Flows over the bridge in the centre of the village during busy times: This was high priority for DPC. GC reported that there had been a 30% response rate to the public survey that DPC had recently put out to canvass the views of residents as to what projects should be a priority. One of the top priorities was the traffic and pedestrian flow on the bridge. Currently there was just signs warning of a narrow bridge but no separation between traffic and pedestrians. Something needed to be done to try to make crossing the bridge on foot safer. Hampshire Highways had already confirmed that the sight lines were not good enough for priority markings ensuring only single file traffic. It had been suggested that, as an alternative, white lines could be painted on the bridge narrowing the carriageway to one lane which would slow traffic and create a refuge for pedestrians. KT would speak to Dan Beasant about what had been agreed. DS suggested that traffic lights at school times would be the best solution but understood that there probably would not be the funding for this. He suggested that this be recorded as an aspiration. It was also suggested that DPC contact HDC to see if all the s106 monies for Netherhouse Copse had been allocated as there maybe some funds here for works. It was suggested that this be included in the school access scheme and DS agreed to ask if it could. **Action: KT to see if this had been taken forward and to progress this. GC to contact HDC regarding s106 money. DS to see if this could be added to the school streets scheme.**
10. Parked traffic around the school at busy times: GC confirmed that there was gridlock around the school at pick up and drop off. Preventing parking would not be a solution as it would just displace the problem elsewhere. There had been a discussion with Dan Beasant about restricting parking immediately outside the school gates. GC had spoken to the school and they were keen to do something. DS confirmed that he would pull together all the issues relating to the school traffic and would raise these at the school streets meeting. **Action: DS to include as part of the discussion on the school streets scheme.**
11. Closure of Unofficial Layby on Chalky Lane: two thirds of this layby had now been levelled due to gas works which was actually making things worse as it was easier to park at this location. There was lots of litter where people were parking, having something to eat and then throwing the rubbish out of the car. It was agreed that a resolution would be difficult and it was unlikely that Hampshire Highways would do anything as it was a cosmetic issue not a safety issue. **Action: Monitor.**

NEW ISSUES:

Winchfield Parish Council

1. 21517695 tree ownership at the Hurst: MW had requested some information from HCC on 21 Septmeber and had not had any reply. **Action: KT to look into this.**
2. Junction of Barley Mow/Pale Lane/Chatter Alley/Spratts Hatch Lane/the Hurst: KS advised that there was usually water at this junction, on the Spratts Hatch Lane side, which in cold weather would freeze and cause black ice. Dan Beasant was going to speak to the land owner, which KS believed to be the Canal Authority, to try to see what could be done to stop the water coming

onto the road. It was not obvious where the water was coming from. **Action: KT to look into this.**

Dogmersfield Parish Council

1. Letter to Hampshire Highways: This letter had been sent by DPC in August and GC asked if he could particularly pick out the following items;
 - a) The gateway road condition at Pilcot Hil – this was a combination of some subsidence and repairs which meant that going through the gateway at the base of Pilcot Hill the surface quality of the road was abysmal and dangerous particularly to cyclists.
 - b) Unofficial parking on verge at Chalky Hill by people accessing the canal – how could parking close to the bridge be prevented. This was more of an issue in good weather when people were using the canal for water sports. Cars were being parked in inconsiderate places blocking sight lines. It was confirmed that the cars were parking mostly on the verge but this was still forcing cars into the middle of the road. DPC would like to see parking prevented in the last 15 metres before reaching the bridge. **Action: KT to arrange for consideration to be given to placing dragons teeth at this location.**
2. Flooding on Church Lane: there was flooding at the bottom of Church Lane every time there was heavy rain due to surface run off. This caused an additional hazard on an already dangerous corner. It appeared that one of the reasons why this was happening was because the surface water run off from the three new properties built further up the lane was being channelled away from the gullies and into the road due to the edging on the drives. GC had contacted HDC about this and they had advised that the properties had been built in accordance with the plans. He had also contacted the Flood authority at HCC who said they would treat it as a minor issue. GC believed that this was a planning issue as the properties did not comply with the drainage report that had formed part of the application. DS suggested that it would be helpful if Philip Sheppard could attend these meetings as many of the issues needed to be dealt with by HDC. **Action: DC to contact HDC again about this. KT to arrange for a site visit next time it rains to see if the cause could be identified. To ask Philip Sheppard to attend future meetings.**
3. Posts on Chatter Alley: GC reported that more posts had been knocked down. The chicane nearest the school and the next one down were now missing posts and these needed replacing. The gateway to Pilcot Hill out of the Village had a broken fence and the white side barriers stopping vehicles from falling into deep gullies either side were all broken and needed replacement or repair. KT asked if this had been reported via the website and GC agreed to confirm this separately. **Action: GC to see if this had been reported and pass on enquiry numbers to KT.**
4. 20mph speed limit on Chatter Alley: GC asked that, if traffic conditions could not be improved any further, consideration be given to introducing a 20mph speed limit on Chatter Alley. DS confirmed that he would be bringing this up as part of the schools project.

Following this item DS had to leave the meeting to attend another meeting.

MW expressed thanks to Hampshire Highways for the help and support over the last year or so as many of the house keeping projects had been completed and things were in a much better shape than previously.

KT confirmed that all issues should be reported on the HCC website so that items were allocated a unique reference number that would help to monitor and update with progress. He stressed how important it was to put the correct location with the issue to make it easier to locate problems. AB advised that the system did not always notify reporters when issues were updated or even closed but

it was possible to search for updates on the HCC website using the unique reference number. GC stated that when he had reported issues on Chatter Alley in the past the system would recognise this as Taplins Lane not Chatter Alley. KT would look at this.

Date of the next meeting: Friday 11 June 2021 @ 1330 at Winchfield Village Hall