

**MEETING BETWEEN HCC HIGHWAYS, WINCHFIELD & DOGMERSFIELD PCs**

**FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**@ 1330**

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

<b>Attendance</b> Cllr David Simpson, HCC (Chairman) (DS) Daniel Beasant, HCC (DB) Cllr Meyrick Williams, WPC (MW) Cllr Louise Hodgetts, WPC (LH) Cllr Kate Stewart, WPC (KS) Cllr Graham Chisnall, Chairman of DPC (GC) Mr David Skellern, DPC Clerk (DSk) Mrs Alison Ball, WPC Clerk (AB)	<b>Apologies</b> Police Ian Janes, HCC
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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 – A site visit had recently taken place and an agreement on a way forward had been reached. HCC would put in a road closure and carry out some works to try to alleviate the flooding. WPC, in liaison with the adjacent land owners, would take advantage of the road closure and arrange for a contractor to do some work on the ditches. It was hoped that this would help to prevent flooding in the future but, once the work was complete, it would need to be monitored to assess the impact. **Action: MW and DB to liaise to carry out the agreed works. WPC to monitor once all works complete.**
2. 7063742: Fallen tree, Bagwell Lane – this had been cleared and could be removed from the agenda.
3. 24202150: B3016 – weight restriction and road surface – the road surface on the B3016 opposite North Lodge and near the entrance to Winchfield House had been inspected by HCC to investigate the cause of vibrations associated with large vehicles on this road and no safety issues had been identified. LH advised that this issue was getting worse and the road was being using by logging vehicles which were huge. She was concerned that a house that had stood in position since the 17<sup>th</sup> Century was shaking on its foundations every time the lorries went past. DS asked whether there was any process within HCC to give consideration to maintenance or new restrictions for rural roads that suddenly see an increase in large vehicles. DB confirmed that as a B road it would be assumed that it would be used by heavy lorries and any maintenance scheme would take this into account. Any introduction of a weight limit would need to go through Traffic Management (Ian Janes). DS agreed to raise this with the relevant officers at HCC to see if the Scrutiny Committee could have a report on large vehicles using rural roads across Hampshire (not just Winchfield) and what could be done. **Action: DS to raise with the Director of Economy, Transport and the Environment and the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee to see if a report could be considered.**
4. Review Location of 50 mph signage on the B3016 (near the Pet Crematorium) – MW requested that this be included in the discussion above and he suggested that a reduction to 40 mph would be preferable. **Action: DS to include this with the discussions above.**
5. 24201457: missing signage on unnamed road off Pale Lane – MW reported that the giveway sign and road markings had been put in. Unfortunately the sign was behind a tree but he was

making arrangements to have the tree coppiced. WPC would look at replacing the finger post at the parish council's expense. **Action: WPC to replace finger post.**

6. Refurbishment of Road Signs, retaining character of signs in The Hurst (2), Bagwell Lane/Station Road, Bagwell Lane/B3016 – The new finger post for the Hurst had been installed and the post on the junction of Station Road/ Bagwell Lane would be installed shortly.
7. Junction of Pale Lane and Barley Mow: WPC were still to look at this. **Action: WPC to contact IJ.**
8. 24204153: Water Treatment Plant kerbstones: MW advised that the kerbstones had been removed and the ditch cleared out. The 'arisings' from the ditch clearance had been used to rebuild the verge and repair the overrun which had occurred. This gave the appearance of the road being reduced in width, but HCC stated that it had been returned to its original width. The position of HCC on this was understood by WPC and it had been requested that to help address the dangers additional signage be installed. Prior to the meeting Traffic Management at HCC had advised that they did not see anything hazardous that required intervention. MW asked that this be escalated within HCC. DB suggested that WPC may be able to install some signs under the CFI scheme. MW agreed to pass all correspondence to DS for him to follow up. **Action: MW to provide details to DS for him to follow up with officers at HCC.**
9. 24202157: Blocked drain outside Station Lodge: This had been cleared. LH asked why there was a cone permanently stuck in the drain and DB agreed to have a look. **Action: DB to find out why there was a cone in the drain.**
10. 24202159: Loose Manhole covers on B3016: DB had put these on a repair programme which had a longer guarantee period. He had never known one to fail as everything would be reset and it would be rock solid. **Action: Monitor for the work being carried out.**
11. 24202162: Poor road surface on Church Lane near the Queens Head: DB had added this to the programme for surface dressing. This programme was now with the Asset Management Team and he did not know when it would be carried out. He recommended contacting Paula Edwards or Leon Churchill for details on progress. **Action: DS agreed to contact Paula Edwards for an update.**
12. SIDs: LH had provided the size and dimensions of the SID to Ian Janes to use to ensure that the posts were being placed in a suitable place allowing enough clearance for large vehicles to pass. **Action: Continue to monitor.**

MW advised, in relation to item 1, that a BT Engineer was seen sitting in a ditch cutting cables and no one had complained that any services had been lost.

### **Dogmersfield Parish Council Issues**

1. 21426678: Damage to Traffic Island outside Church Rise – DC confirmed this had been done.
2. Request to 'drop curb' adjacent to Highway Cottage – DC confirmed this had been done.
3. Provision of new posts or use of existing ones for deployment of SIDs – DC advised that there had not been any progress with this but it would be pursued once DPC was in a position to do so. He requested that it stay on the agenda. **Action: continue to monitor.**
4. Discuss joint speed watch with Winchfield – as above.
5. Parking Outside J&J Motors – There had been a walk around the Village with Hampshire Highways and it had been agreed that there was a problem. The difficulty was that once there were some cars parked, more parked successively behind until the parked cars reached the junction which was dangerous. J&J motors claim its not their vehicles but visitors to the garage. **Action: DPC to work with IJ**
6. Pilcot Hill, Chatter Alley footway link – GC confirmed that this was one of a series of measures that had been talked about for a long time without any real progress. DPC wanted to engage the public to establish a priority list for projects. It was requested that this be kept on the agenda.

7. Future development in Dogmersfield ; site vehicles, etc. parking on roads. – this was ongoing and it was requested that it be kept on the agenda.
8. Traffic calming reflectors – DC confirmed that there was to be no action on this as it was not a priority at the moment.

## **NEW ISSUES (in February):**

### **Winchfield Parish Council**

1. Fallen Tree at Bagwell Lane: as above – it had been cleared.
2. 21475714: Flooding on Old Potbridge Lane: DB had put in a job to clear the highway drainage. Details of the flooding being caused by the water being pumped from Winchfield View had been passed to the Flood and Water Management Team. They had been out to have a look and had advised that it was the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. KS had not heard any more but expected this to come up again once there was wet weather. **Action DB to chase for an update.**
3. Flooding on Taplins Farm Lane, Bagwell Lane and Station Road: MW reported that he had responded to a request from DS to officially report flooding in the parish by reporting these problem areas. DB agreed that this should be included in discussions with MW. He would raise a job for this and then pass on to the Flooding and Water Management Team. **Action DB**
4. Repairs to damaged roads – potholes and gullies between the tarmac and verge: MW expressed thanks for the magic patching machine that had been filling in tarmac all over the place.
5. Parking on Station Road: DB confirmed that this had been reported to Operation Resilience. DB had checked the lining earlier in the week and whilst it was worn slightly at the junction he felt it was in good shape. This had not been a problem recently as with so many people working from home the station had been very quiet.

### **Dogmersfield Parish Council**

1. Traffic and Pedestrian Flows over the bridge in the centre of the village during busy times: GC advised that this had been discussed during the walkabout. There were concerns about the mix of pedestrians and traffic on the bridge especially at school drop off and pick up times. There had been a discussion with Ian Janes about marking a single lane in the middle of the bridge which would slow traffic and give space for pedestrians. A letter had been sent to HCC setting out a number of projects for DPD and this was included in that list. This was a top priority for DPC and GC would be making every effort to progress this. **Action GC/IJ**
2. Parked traffic around the school at busy times: GC reported that the problems here had been discussed without coming up with any solutions. This was a series of problems and it needed to be followed up by DPC. DS offered to apply to the Government for money that was available to bring in measures to reduce speeds around schools. To be able to make an application he needed details of what DPC would like to see introduced. Some options were discussed including closing roads, providing alternative parking within walking distance of the school and putting in place a school travel plan. **Action GC**
3. Closure of Unofficial Layby on Chalky Lane: GC felt that all possible solutions for this area had been rejected by HCC and there was nothing more that the parish council could do. Some work had been done to level and flatten the ground, which had made it look slightly better, but this had not addressed the main issue which was how to prevent parking in this location. There were often people parked here to eat lunch and people were then leaving litter. DS agreed to speak to Ian Janes about the options. DB advised that part of the issue might be how much of the land was highway land, in order to create an official layby there would need to be a large area of land available. DB suggested that DPC look at whether it could be a passing place but in order for HCC to consider it there would need to be more than one passing place along the stretch of

road. If DPC wanted to come up with suggested locations for passing places DB offered to put these forward as a scheme. There was a discussion about the costs involved but DB felt it would be less about funding and more about how much space was available. GC thought wooden pillars to stop parking would be the best solution. **Action DS to speak to Ian Janes about the options.**

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: GC confirmed that the Parish Council would be consulting with residents about a range of options to see which would be supported. One suggestion was that the chicanes be smartened up to make them more visible to cars which would hopefully slow vehicles and generally smarten up the parish. The junction at Chalky Lane and the A287 needed work as there were lots of signs and it would be preferable for the focus to be that vehicles were entering a 40mph limit. This had been discussed with Ian Janes. **Action DPC**
7. Crondall Lane Flooding: GC had not seen any flooding at this location since the last meeting but it was expected that it would return when there was heavy rainfall. DB advised that an Engineer had been out to look at the site and it was understood that the drain had been jetted. DB was trying to find out the result of the jetting survey so he could see if further action was needed. **Action DB**
8. Missing Road Markings: GC had previously 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. It was noted that this was in Hartley Wintney. It was thought that the giveway markings had been done.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Winchfield Parish Council:**

Land North of Winchfield Court: KS reported that a new entrance had been built from a piece of land north of Winchfield Court onto Pale Lane. No permission had been granted for this access and whilst the owner claimed it was temporary it was a very solid, large entrance. DB advised that he had visited the site, although not recently, and felt that there was very minimal impact to the highway and he understood that the issue was being taken up by planning enforcement at Hart District Council. The ditch that the entrance way crosses over was privately owned and HCC would only have highway rights over the ditch. DB confirmed that he was unable to serve notice as it was a planning issue. DS advised that he had asked Cabinet members at HCC to attend parish council meetings so they could be more informed of what was going on within the parishes. Two had already agreed to attend. Parish councillors agreed they would welcome the attendance of HCC Cabinet Members at parish council meetings. It was requested that this be kept on the agenda for monitoring.

### **Dogmersfield Parish Council:**

Letter to Hampshire Highways: GC reported that, following the walkabout with Ian Janes, DPC had sent a letter to Hampshire Highways setting out a list of matters that needed addressing including:

- a) Hanging foliage at the end of Chalky Lane making the footway impassable;
- b) Delamination of the surface at Chalky Lane;
- c) Reoccurrence of flooding on the triangle by the Queens Head pub which was previously resolved but had now returned;
- d) The gateway road condition at Pilcot Hill;
- e) Unofficial parking on verge at Chalky Hill by people accessing the canal – how can parking close to the bridge be prevented;

DS requested that any communications with Highways be copied to him. DB asked if a reference number had been assigned to any of these items. DSk did not have any reference numbers and it was thought that this was because it had all been reported together in a letter rather than via the [roads@hants.gov.uk](mailto:roads@hants.gov.uk) email. DB recommended that all highways issues be reported on this email as it would be logged and assigned a reference number so that progress could be tracked. DS asked for a copy of the letter so he could follow it up.

During the discussion it became clear that whilst DB did not recall having seen the letter he had been in communication with DPC regarding some of the issues. It was understood some patching had been ordered and there would be some work on Chalky Lane as road closure signs had been put up.

GC asked who he should talk to about planting the chicanes and DB agreed to have a telephone or virtual meeting about this.

It was agreed that the overspill parking from people accessing the canal was affecting both parishes and one of the issues was the lack of parking in the official car park near the Barley Mow. It was also exacerbated by the car park being closed at a certain time. WPC would discuss this at the next meeting.

DB confirmed that there was going to be a restructure at HCC which would mean instead of being split into four areas it would be two areas – north and south. As a result of this his area of responsibility would be slightly moving west meaning he would no longer cover Winchfield or Dogmersfield. It was understood Keith Thompson would be the new contact for the area. He is a very experienced engineer who knows the area.

Everyone thanked DB for supporting the meetings and for all his hard work.

DSk said that he had reported damage to the railings at Pilcot Hill which needed repairs to stop vehicles falling into the gully. DB agreed to look this up.

Date of the next meeting: Friday 8 January 2021 @ 1330