

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST WOODHAY PARISH COUNCIL
07 December 2020
HELD VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM.APP
18.30

Chairman: Cllr James Mitchell (Chair)

Present: Councillors Mr P Hurst, Mr M Rand, Mr P Jarvis, Mr A Watson, Mrs K Titcomb, Mr G Dick, Mr M Hainge, Mr J Heritage

In Attendance: Cllr Sanders

Clerk: Amy White

Item 1: Apologies

97/20 No apologies received.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest

98/20 None.

Item 3: To Agree Minutes of last meeting

99/20 The minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2020 were verbally agreed, accepted as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman at the soonest opportunity (Covid restrictions).

Item 4: Matters Arising from 26 October 2020 Meeting

100/20

Item	Action	Owner
78/20	Cllr Dick to send Highways priorities to Cllr Thacker. Actioned.	Cllr Dick
80/20	Planning Committee to discuss any action regarding Common Farm with Member of Public. Actioned- see planning	Planning Committee
82/20	Cllr Hurst to decide next steps for the NP edit and communicate to PC. Actioned.	Cllr Hurst
85/20	Clerk to liaise with Mr Wyatt for suitable dates. Cllr Jarvis to write an information piece for the public. Actioned	Clerk
89/20	Cllr Dick to respond to Parishioner concerned re speeding in Ball Hill. Actioned.	Cllr Dick
90/20	Cllrs Heritage and Hainge will look at speed signs and gateway options and will report back to the Council on 30 November 2020. Move to January meeting	Cllrs Heritage and Hainge
92/20	Clerk to update website with new policies and investigate vexatious complaints policy. Actioned except vexatious policy	Clerk
95/20	Clerk to write to residents backing on to the field. Actioned. Cllr Jarvis to place an article in Spectrum regarding the Parish Field. Actioned.	Clerk Cllr Jarvis Cllr Mitchell

	<p>Cllr Mitchell to contact one Parishioner directly regarding their concerns. Actioned.</p> <p>Clerk to offer the other Parishioner a meeting to discuss their concerns.- Actioned. The parishioner does not wish to ‘virtually’ meet face to face.</p>	Clerk
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Item 5: Amenities

Please read in conjunction with Amenities Minutes <http://www.eastwoodhay-pc.gov.uk/community/east-woodhay-parish-council-12776/local-spaces/>)

101/20 Cllr Rand updated the Council on the progress regarding the Parish Field. The council were really pleased with the update and **fully supported the installation of the new path using Poolsoms Plant Hire**. The gates will be replaced at both ends and a ditch dug with a pipe laid to reduce flooding at Brownies Corner.

Overall the cost will be £19391.36 of which £9200 will be a LIF grant from BDBC. Please see costs, held in the Amenities section of the website as above.

102/20 Footpath update- please see Amenities minutes. A map is being created which will identify where kissing gates can be placed in place of stiles.

103/20 S016- Bloor Homes update- After a significant delay to the Meadowbrook community land handover negotiations (apparently due to Bloor Homes having people on Furlough) they have restarted between Bloor Homes and BDBC. Bloor Homes have finally agreed the boundary of the land to be transferred. This is line with the S106 contract.

Frustration was voiced that suggestions from Bloor for the mechanism of handover were recommended to them over 2 years ago by BDBC. Negotiations continue.

Item 6: Planning

104/20 Cllr Titcomb gave a verbal update on the most recent planning meetings (09 & 30 November 2020) and associated planning applications. The minutes of planning meetings can be viewed on:

<http://www.eastwoodhay-pc.gov.uk/community/east-woodhay-parish-council-12776/minutes1/>

105/20 This was followed by a discussion on the recent walkthrough with BDBC of the Local Plan Update, which highlighted issues that are impacting present housing planning proposals and will impact future development in the Parish. EWPC were invited to comment on the Issues and Options Paper which is part of the Local Plan Update consultation. The response was sent to BDBC on 7/12/20 and they are attached to the planning meeting minutes (this response needs to be read in conjunction with the consultation paper which can be found on the BDBC planning website).

EWPC planning committee highlighted 3 key issues:

a) BDBC housing supply shortfall - this is ongoing and continues to suspend the Local Plan policies with reference to housing development. EWPC have asked what proactive steps are being taken to resolve this shortfall, as it is impacting present local planning applications.

b) Windfall sites - the majority of our recent development is from Windfall sites. EWPC have challenged why developments of less than 5 houses does not contribute to EWPC's housing requirement but does contribute to the BDBC numbers.

c) Green gaps in the countryside between settlements - EWPC have raised concern that if SHELAA developments for Woolton Hill and Highclere went ahead, that the countryside (green) gaps would disappear and the villages would join. It has been highlighted to BDBC that the picture of future development across local parishes should be viewed as a whole, not just parish by parish, to maintain green gaps.

As part of the Local Plan Update, all SHELAA sites have been resubmitted by land owners and developers. The developer Thakeham have approached EWPC with the update of their resubmission of a proposed development to the west of Mount Road. The Parish has no requirement for this number of houses in line with BDBC SS5 Policy of the present Local Plan and the latest monitoring report received in August (*LINK to the letter in this section*).

Cllr Sanders response to EWPC: There is a 5 year land supply requirement from Government to get as many houses built as is required, but this doesn't relate to planning permissions granted: unless there are reasonable grounds for thinking permissions will come forward in next 5 years, they won't be included in the 5 year supply. A Neighbourhood Plan will highlight what EWPC needs, according to the current Local Plan and it is advisable to get this to completion as soon as possible.

Cllr Hurst commented that EWPC continue to be informed by BDBC that the Local Plan housing policies are suspended, along with corresponding "made" NP policies for this area due to the housing supply issue. This was also commented on by the Inspector reviewing Hollington Lane development proposal. Other policies within the Local Plan and NPs still apply.

EWPC agreed the need to complete the Neighbourhood Plan as soon as possible.

Action: The planning committee agreed to discuss SHELAA site and BDBC's housing numbers separately from this meeting.

Item 7: Neighbourhood Plan

106/20 As per planning item 6 and also see Cllr Hurst's report at the end of the minutes.

Item 8: Finance Update

107/20 Please see Cllr Mitchell's report at the end of the minutes.

a) The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment for November and December:

November

Name/ Company	Invoice No	VAT No.	Amount		Total
			Excl VAT	Vat	
Clerk Salary, £17.67 allowance					£623.41
Litter Warden Salary					£377.84
Litter Warden Expenses					£35.00
HMRC PAYE Month 8					£151.40
Premier Grounds Garden Maintenance Kissing Gate @ Rookery Farm			£927.50	£185.50	£1,113.00
HALC Mini Conference Attendance (Training)	4174	989005388	£40.00	£8.00	£48.00
PKF Littlejohn External Audit Fees	SB20202524	440498250	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00
Tivoli grass cutting services	20746	GB287453171	£110.00	£22.00	£132.00
				Total VAT	Total Payment
				£255.50	£2,720.65

December

Date	Name/ Company	Invoice No	VAT No.	Amount		Total
				Excl VAT	Vat	
30/12/2020	Clerk Salary, £17.67 allowance					£623.41
30/11/2020	Clerk expenses (to be filed under Chairman's Allowance: Waitrose, M&S)					£123.09
20/11/2020	Clerks Expenses- Zoom.pro for November	INV52988306		£11.99	£2.40	£14.39
30/12/2020	Litter Warden Salary					£377.84
30/12/2020	Litter Warden Expenses					£35.00
08/12/2020	Sean Early, Brownies Corner Maintenance Payment					£100.00
08/12/2020	HMRC PAYE Month 9 (Clerk PAYE and NI Employer Contribution 2 x £3.47)					£158.34
				Total VAT	Total Payment	
				£2.40	£1,432.07	

These were digitally approved by Cllrs Mitchell and Hurst, witnessed via email by Cllr Rand.

108/20 Precept: Cllr Mitchell proposed an increase of approximately inflationary rate of 1.4%, with a focus of the budget into new projects. The deadline for the precept agreement is 29 January 2021 and EWPC's budget deadline is March 2021.
EWPC will confirm the precept at the meeting on 25/01/20.

Item 9: Utilities

109/20 There was nothing to report this month. Cllr Rand reported unusual low voltage around 6:00-7:30pm most nights. Cllr Jarvis will investigate to see if there is any paranormal activity in East Woodhay.

Item 10: Highways

110/20 Please see Cllr Dick's report at the end of the minutes and the current Highways Log. This log is also on the Highways section of the website:
<http://www.eastwoodhay-pc.gov.uk/community/east-woodhay-parish-council-12776/highways/>

Flooding appears to be improved since jetting on Woolton Hill Road. Cllr Dick has emailed HCC requesting advanced information regarding road closures in village after late information regarding the closure of Woolton Hill Road on 02/12/20.

Item 11: Update on traffic calming measures in Woolton Hill

111/20 Cllr Hainge has been investigating speed detectors for use around Woolton Hill. He has received a quote from Westcotec, which is a preferred supplier for HCC of Vehicle Activated Signs.

Action: Cllr Hainge and Clerk to bring a proposal to the January meeting for a VAS and associated costs.

Item 12: Police Update

112/20 No update.

Item 13: Members' Reports

113/20 Cllr Sanders confirmed the updated SHELAA sites have been published. There will likely be a period of inactivity in the Development Control Committee now until elections in May 2021. Regarding the BDBC budget, there is a huge deficit due to Covid-019; support is being given to businesses which has not yet been reimbursed from Government. The budget has currently been balanced without too many cuts to services.

Action: Clerk to ask Cllr Thacker what HCC is contributing into the service for the Newtown Road Recycling centre next year.

Item 14: EWS Update

114/20 Newsletters are being sent out again and are being posted up on the EWPC website as well as on Facebook. The agreed Charity next year will be Young People and Children First.

Item 15: Parishioner correspondence

115/20 A Parishioner has raised concern at the gap in the hedging behind the tennis court in Woolton Hill, leading on to the road.

Action: Clerk to plant some hedge saplings asap.

Item 17: Items to carry forward to next meeting

116/20 Confirm the precept, VAS discussion, metal detection update.

The next meeting will be held virtually on Monday 25th Jan using Zoom. Please contact the Clerk for details of how to join the meeting.

Actions 07/12/20

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111/20	Cllr Hainge and Clerk to bring a proposal to the January meeting for a VAS and associated costs.	Hainge & Clerk
113/20	Clerk to ask Cllr Thacker what HCC is contributing into the service for the Newtown Road Recycling centre next year.	Clerk
115/20	Clerk to plant some hedge saplings in hedge at Rec Ground asap.	Clerk

Councillor Reports December 2020

Item 7: Neighbourhood Plan Update, Cllr Hurst

Following a previous PC meeting asking that we continue with the NP, we have reformed the team. Karen, Andrew and Amy have kindly volunteered to help myself and Susan.

The team held a detailed review of the BDBC feedback with a member of the BDBC planning team. It was highlighted that they were happy with the overall shape of the NP and felt we were making good progress. It was stressed they would continue to support us through to publication when moving into consultation. We were also given advice and ideas of how to consult with the present restrictions.

It was also highlighted that the SHELAA sites have been updated and can be reviewed.

Following this the team commenced the edit, using the BDBC feedback. This will continue over the coming weeks.

Impact of Local Plan Update and New Government Legislation

The team also held another meeting with BDBC to go through the Local Plan update. This covered off the potential impact of the Local Plan and new government legislation on the NP.

The review of the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation (published to public view by BDBC on their website) is covered in the Planning Team minutes.

Local Plan Update

We were reminded that going forward the NP must remain in conformity with the Local Plan and national planning guidance. Therefore, developing NPs such as ours will need to take account of the Local Plan update as it progresses. The update is not due to come into operation until spring 2024, but the NP will need to be updated in line with this timing. BDBC offered future support for the required NP update.

New government planning legislation

BDBC stated that they recognised the new planning proposals are a fundamental change to planning. The changes may significantly impact the Local Plan, as standards may be set nationally, restricting local policies. This in turn may impact NPs. BDBC have formally responded to the government on the proposals.

BDBC felt that given the early stages of the process and the degree of feedback the government have received, they will continue with the Local Plan update and recommended to continue with our NP development. Indeed they expressed their continued support for our NP development as they believed it would help the views of the community and stakeholders in the Parish be known to BDBC and help shape their response to the legislation.

However, they highlighted that the degree of change proposed in the legislation will likely require Local Plans and NPs to be updated in the coming years.

Item 8: Finance Report, Cllr Mitchell

EAST WOODHAY PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE TEAM UPDATE 2020/21 Presented to EWPC 4th December 2020

1. SUMMARY

- Bank Accounts £72,677 (Current £32,677 Redwoods £40k).
- a. INCOME STATEMENT
 - £30,083 100% of precept received
 - £4,534 Litter warden grant received
 - £600 Rent received
 - £489 VAT reclaimed
- b. EXPENSE STATEMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (following list not conclusive)
 - Normal monthly expenses
 - £1,476 Insurance premium (same as last year)

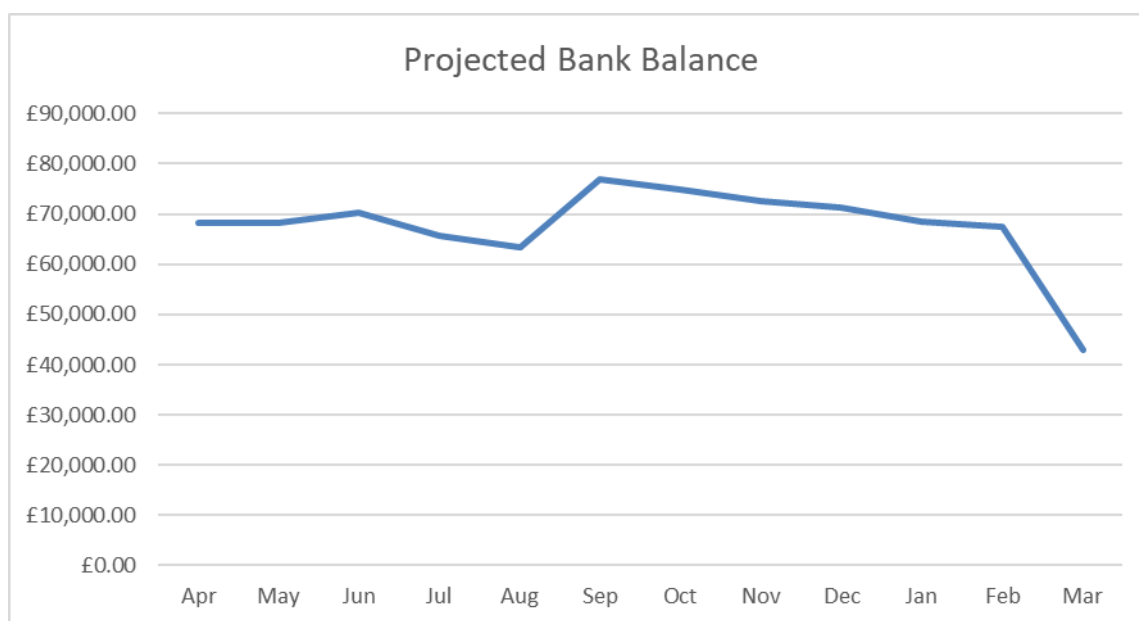
- £1,250 CCTV
- £1,020 Hedge cutting and ditch management
- £927 Kissing Gate & labour
- £607 HALC Affiliation
- £500 Grant to St Thomas Church
- £440 Audit fees
- £324 Footpaths – materials and labour for 3x Hollington FP gates
- £150 WH recreation ground bridge removal
- £108 Boardwalk repair

c. **CAPITAL STATEMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- Ring Fenced :
 - I. £9,837 S106 from 2019/20 for spend on Orchard
 - II. £2,000 for Neighbourhood Plan work
 - III. £9,000 for Footpaths

2. **CASHFLOW PROJECTION**

Including ring fenced projects in (c)



3. FISCAL YEAR TO DATE TRANSACTIONS BY MONTH

EAST WOODHAY PARISH COUNCIL															
Receipts and Payments - 2020/21															
RECEIPTS	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	BUDGET	% of Budget
Precept	£ 15,041.50					£ 15,041.50							£ 30,083.00	£ 30,082.86	100%
Double Taxation													£ -	£ -	#DIV/0!
Litter Warden Grant		£ 4,534.40											£ 4,534.40	£ 4,534.40	100%
Rental Income						£ 600.00							£ 600.00	£ 601.00	100%
CTS Grant													£ -		#DIV/0!
S106 Monies													£ -		#DIV/0!
Other	£ 2,012.00				£ 101.75								£ 2,113.75	£ -	#DIV/0!
VAT Recovered	£ 489.09												£ 489.09	£ -	#DIV/0!
Bank Interest													£ -		#VALUE!
	£ 17,542.59	£ 4,534.40	£ -	£ -	£ 101.75	£ 15,641.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 37,820.24	£ 35,218	107%
PAYMENTS	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	BUDGET	% of Budget
Clerk's salary	£ 753.53	£ 377.27	£ 680.19	£ 589.46	£ 589.46	£ 711.11	£ 623.41	£ 623.41					£ 4,947.84	£ 9,114.03	54%
Clerk's expenses	£ 11.99				£ 17.67	£ 17.67	£ 85.47						£ 132.80	£ 274.86	48%
Litter Warden Salary	£ 339.30	£ 391.41	£ 377.84	£ 377.84	£ 377.84	£ 377.84	£ 377.84	£ 377.84					£ 2,997.75	£ 4,185.60	72%
Litter Warden Exps	£ 60.00	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ 35.00					£ 305.00	£ 750.00	41%
Admin (inc Courses)								£ 40.00					£ 40.00	£ 800.00	5%
Insurance	£ 1,318.15												£ 1,318.15	£ 1,350.00	98%
Audit		£ 240.00						£ 200.00					£ 440.00	£ 450.00	98%
Subscriptions		£ 607.31											£ 607.31	£ 695.64	87%
Grass Cutting						£ 245.00	£ 110.00	£ 110.00					£ 465.00	£ 1,224.00	38%
Misc Maintenance			£ 150.00			£ 150.00	£ 65.00						£ 365.00	£ 2,200.00	17%
Annual Maint Agmnt			£ 1,020.00										£ 1,020.00	£ 2,886.60	35%
Footpaths	£ 317.00	£ 242.00	£ 108.00					£ 176.70	£ 927.50				£ 1,771.20	£ 4,000.00	44%
Highways													£ -	£ 1,000.00	0%
CCTV			£ 1,250.00										£ 1,250.00	£ 1,978.80	63%
Grants & Sec 137				£ 500.00									£ 500.00	£ 1,500.00	33%
Chairmans Allowance			£ 34.00										£ 34.00	£ 250.00	14%
Neighbourhood Plan						£ 175.00							£ 175.00	£ 2,500.00	7%
VAT	£ 223.97	£ 131.21	£ 484.00			£ 49.00	£ 51.30	£ 255.50					£ 1,194.98	£ 1,387.03	86%
PAYE	£ 4.11	£ 390.37	£ 67.59	£ 148.07	£ 148.07	£ 148.07	£ 154.87	£ 151.40					£ 1,212.55	£ 400.00	303%
Grant Refund													£ -	£ -	#DIV/0!
Other	-£ 32.79												-£ 32.79	£ -	#DIV/0!
	£ 2,995.26	£ 2,414.57	£ 4,206.62	£ 1,668.04	£ 1,168.04	£ 1,976.49	£ 1,594.12	£ 2,720.65	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 18,743.79	£ 36,947	51%
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4. Forecast for remainder of Financial Year

Forecast for FY20/21

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Litter Warden Exps	£ 60.00	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ 35.00					£ 445.00	£ 750.00	59%
Admin (inc Courses)								£ 40.00					£ 40.00	£ 800.00	5%
Insurance	£ 1,318.15												£ 1,318.15	£ 1,350.00	98%
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Highways													£ 9,000.00	£ 1,000.00	900%
CCTV			£ 1,250.00										£ 1,250.00	£ 1,978.80	63%
Donations & Sec 137				£ 500.00									£ 1,000.00	£ 1,500.00	67%
Chairmans Allowance			£ 34.00						£ 250.00				£ 284.00	£ 250.00	114%
Neighbourhood Plan						£ 175.00							£ 2,475.00	£ 2,500.00	99%
VAT	£ 223.97	£ 131.21	£ 484.00			£ 49.00	£ 51.30	£ 255.50					£ 1,194.98	£ 1,387.03	86%
PAYE	£ 4.11	£ 390.37	£ 67.59	£ 148.07	£ 148.07	£ 148.07	£ 154.87	£ 151.40	£ 9.16	£ 9.16	£ 9.16	£ 11.76	£ 1,251.79	£ 400.00	313%
Grant Refund													£ -	£ -	#DIV/0!
Other	-£ 32.79												£ -	£ -	#DIV/0!
	£ 2,995.26	£ 2,414.57	£ 4,206.62	£ 1,668.04	£ 1,168.04	£ 1,976.49	£ 1,594.12	£ 2,720.65	£ 1,439.10	£ 2,689.10	£ 1,189.10	£ 24,328.70	£ 48,389.79	£ 9,804.21	100%
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Item 10: Highways Report, Cllr Dick

Highway Maintenance Reports

Please see updated Highways log.

Resurfacing Work

Roadside Notices on pending resurfacing work and consequent road closures in the Parish appeared from 20th November. Subsequent notice was received to the Parish Clerk on 23rd November and via Cllr Sanders as follows:

<<Dear Councillor Thacker,

As part of the annual programme of works being undertaken by Operation Resilience, we will shortly be undertaking carriageway surface repairs in localised areas along the following roads:

- SD-B21014 - Woolton Hill Road – between A343 and Tile Barn Row - start date Tuesday 2nd December 2020 for up to 3 days
- SD-B21016 - Woolton Hill – between Cutters Hill Road and Broadlayings - start date 3rd December 2020 for up to 3 days
- SD-B21015 – Broadlayings – between Station Road and Woolton Hill Road - start date 3rd December 2020 for up to 3 days

This is in preparation for a proposed surface treatment, which if undertaken, will be carried out during 2021. You will receive separate notification for this work.

The work start dates and durations are shown above, during which time the roads will be closed to through traffic from approximately 09:00 to 16:30hrs each day, and will be open outside of these hours

As we are now approaching the winter months, inclement weather becomes more of an issue and works programmes are more susceptible to change. Whilst there is an allowance within the time periods shown above for delays, there may be times when we have to postpone works at very short notice; based on the latest weather forecasts, this can occur just prior to works commencing. We will always look to provide up to date information wherever we can, but sometimes these last minute decisions can be difficult to relay to the travelling public in a timely manner.

During the closures, access for residents and businesses will be maintained when possible and safe to do so. Pedestrian access to properties will not be affected, and emergency vehicles will have access at all times.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, works will be carried out ensuring safe working practices, and social distancing between site operatives and members of the public are maintained at all times. The appropriate traffic management will be in place to prevent any interaction.

Information signs advising road users of the works will be erected before the start of works. The attached letter will be sent to local residents and businesses, and an email will be sent to

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and the Parish Council offices to advise them accordingly.

Should you have any queries or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Richard

Richard Peach
Principal Engineer – Planned Maintenance
Hampshire Highways >>

This work did not appear on the currently listed highways maintenance plans and was not notified to the PC via HCC or its Councillor in advance of the notices appearing. A request has now been put to HCC that if possible the PC be given more advance notice of such major disruptive works prior to the appearance of such road side advisory notices so as to enable appropriate operations such as schools and the day centre to be duly informed of any necessary preparations. This has been acknowledged, as has a request that the Parish Councillor for Highways be copied on such notices. The HCC Highways Maintenance Planning Schedule for 2021 has still not been updated for future reference, but HCC informs that it should hopefully be available shortly.

Woolton Hill Road Flooding

Following the request to HCC and the subsequent jetting, recent heavy rains have been successfully handled at the normal point of flooding without untoward water build up on the road. Nick Earle at HCC Highways HQ was thanked for his assistance in getting this matter resolved. The recent high winds will result in considerable leaf fall over the coming weeks. With most leaves now fallen, I will continue to keep a watch on the weir kerb in case it may be necessary to request a further extra “sweep”.

Updating of the HCC Highways Maintenance should allow for checking as to whether the previously suggested HCC plan to install a new gully in the carriageway alongside one of the weir kerbs uphill from the school and the inclusion of Woolton Hill Road in a future Operation Resilience drainage improvement scheme will be scheduled for action.

Requests for Support from Cllr Thacker

As an action agreed from the Parish Council meeting of 26.10.2020, and at the request of County Cllr Thacker, the following Highways issues were provided for his attention and support as shown:

Abbey Wells Road – Church Road(Woolton Hill) to Hollington Lane (East End) – Road Degradation Hazard - Track Number 21525157

Multiple sections of severe road shoulder degradation (ruts = axle depth +) from junction with Church Road (Woolton Hill) to Hollington Lane (East End) with sinkage of inspection covers and damage/loss of road/ ditch warning bollards.

The damage has increased considerably in recent months resulting mainly from HGV wheel drop-off damage to grass verge and drop-over into adjacent ditching. Some areas of shoulder degradation have produced road edge ruts deeper than axle depth of average small car with potential to cause loss of control/accident.

Road edge/ditch indicating bollards have been damaged or obliterated by vehicle contact. Various inspection covers are depressed within road surface with potential to cause accident to cyclists or loss of control to smaller vehicles.

Road is a principle route of access for child delivery to St Martins Primary School , East End.

North End – North End Road, South from Phone Kiosk - Tree Hazard - Track Number 21525166

Residents in North End are concerned about the state of the hedgerow that runs alongside North End Road from the telephone box in the village centre southwards. The hedgerow contains several mature trees which are apparently suffering from ash dieback disease and are likely to become a hazard for road users from falling branches as well as a threat to overhead power and telephone cables. This is not an eventuality one might wish as winter approaches.

I understand that ownership of the hedgerow has historically been in contention between HCC Highways and the adjacent landowner; however I would assume that the safety of the highway lies within the domain of HCC. May I therefore enquire if HCC Highways can arrange an evaluation of the tree threat and of possible remedial actions.

Woolton Hill Road – Woolton Hill to Ball Hill – Possible HGV Traffic Hazard (no reporting category found)

The PC has received communication from a parishioner living adjacent to this stretch of road expressing concerns that:

1. This road includes very severe bends which prevent large and long vehicles traveling along it without using the whole width of the road on blind bends, creating the potential for a serious accident.
2. The signage warning of this potential danger is inadequate.
3. At the Ball Hill end of this road the junction is too narrow for such vehicles turning into Woolton Hill Road without using both sides of the road, again with the potential for causing an accident.

Notes: (see also the Highways Log)

- 1. Subsequent to the above submission both to HCC and Cllr Thacker, further contact has been received from the complainant regarding the approach to be taken by EWPC. This will be receive explanatory response.*
- 2. HCC has advised that tree/hedge issue at North End Road be referred to third party for action.*

WH Doctor Surgery Parking

Pending further environmental and wildlife assessments this still awaits approval of final planning.