

Drinkstone Parish Council, Highways

Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated 11 Jan 20201

Agenda Item; Councillor portfolios

General

As of 5 January there are 7 highways issues logged on the Suffolk Highways website (discounting duplicates); viz:-

Works or inspection ordered

- i) Road sign damaged at Plough Road/Deadmans Lane. Works have been ordered
- ii) Park Road flooding. Inspection programmed
- iii) Pot hole on Gedding Road near Footpath/Thurmond House. Inspection programmed

New items

- iv) 2 x reports regarding flooding by Drinkstone Lodge / All Saints Church. Previous enquiries revealed that the culvert (potentially blocked and most likely the cause) is privately owned and not Highways responsibility. Drinkstone PC has previously discussed writing to the owner.
- v) Footpath damage relating to building works Gedding Road/ Tawny House.
- vi) Pot holes on Gedding Road between Thurmond House and Hall Farm.

Suffolk CC reporting can be found at www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk

My recommendations are;

item iv) above, the PC should contact the owner.

item v) above, leave Suffolk Highways to determine the cause and remedy, (after all it is their pavement). PC to get involved if not resolved.

Cross Street

Suffolk Highways finally replied to our enquiries and advise the traffic survey equipment was privately installed in accordance with Suffolk Highways requirements. It is likely that it is in relation to potential development at the eastern end of Cross St, however Highways Dept do not record the purpose, only that it is undertaken by a competent body and in accordance with their safety and other requirements.

Grit Bins

All Grit Bins have are all in good order. They are located at..

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| 1. Beyton Road/Park Road | 2. Beyton Road/Woolpit Road |
| 3. All Saint's Church | 4. Hill Farm Lane/The Street |
| 5. Chapel Lane/Gedding Road | 6. Gedding Road/Rattlesden Road |
| 7. Gedding Road/Park Road | 8. Rattlesden Road/Cross St |

SID (Speed Indication Display)

No indication as to when the posts will be installed other than it is registered on the Suffolk CC Highways works programme.

Rattlesden Road Water Works

Rattlesden Road was blocked for a few days (14 to 16 Dec) due to Anglian Water works, which prompted a few complaints from local residents, notably the lack of warning and also questioning the need for a full closure.

Anglian Water advised me by phone and email that the works were in relation to a leak (emergency) hence were unplanned, and no advance warning could be given. Although it was theoretically possible for some ordinary vehicles to get through, roadworks are governed by preset dimensions and the width of the road combined with the necessary excavations on both sides necessitated a full closure.

Suffolk CC Highways, by contrast, advised me that the works were indeed planned and warning signage should have been placed in advance.

By the time the contradictory report from Highways was received the works were complete. Unless there is a view to continue the complaint with AW, I suggest we let sleeping dogs lie. We shall however make a mental note of the apparent unreliability of AW's reporting in this instance.

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