

Drinkstone Parish Council, Highways

Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated 1 March 2021

Agenda Item; Councillor portfolios

General

There are numerous pothole issues recorded on the Suffolk Highways website, most listed at “works ordered”.

There is also one report of flooding at Blacksmiths Corner but it is not clear whether or not this is a Suffolk Highways issue or private landowner issue. I await Suffolk Highways response.

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

Flooding

Park Road seems to have fared much better this winter which may be a consequence of Suffolk Highways clearing out the gully/drain covered with 3 large concrete slabs.

Flooding by the Church/Pond at Drinkstone Lodge. The owner has not responded to our letter so I have escalated to Suffolk Highways asking if it can be taken to their enforcement team.

Flooding at Carroway Cottage, Gedding Road, has been identified as due to a broken culvert under the property's front garden. The Parish Council has provided the property owner with some support/advice, but putting aside the overspill onto the highway it's largely a repair matter for the property owner or culvert owner to resolve. Suffolk Highways have been made aware of the flooding onto the road, but in the scale of recent heavy rain and consequence of flooding it's probably not that different to numerous other highway floods.

Grit Bins

I have personally inspected some of the Grit Bins, which are depleted but still serviceable. Suffolk Highways have contacted the Parish Council Clerk to advise that a programme of grit replenishment is underway.

For information the grit bins 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)

The delivery of our SID has been interrupted/delayed by Suffolk Highways directly contacting our supplier and introducing a further check to ensure the product meets with their requirements (in terms of not permitting future Solar options). There may be a minor adjustment to the cost of the SID (in our favour). Currently an action rests with me to contact Suffolk Highways with the information they require.

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