

Drinkstone Parish Council, Highways

Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated 7 June 2021

Agenda Item; Councillor portfolios

General

There is a small number of issues recorded on the Suffolk Highways website:-

- i) Flooding by Carroway Cottage, which I have advised should be closed as it is now resolved,
- ii) Pothole near Drinkstone Lake sluice (repairs under way) and
- iii) The fallen 30mph sign jcn. Hill Farm Lane and The Street (no action yet).

There is also an issue relating to dropped curbs installed potentially without permission at the development near Briar Cottage. I suggest this is best left with District Planning and County Highways as I cannot see any impact on the village. It could be a matter of disagreement between neighbours as I understand the development has not been without disputes between neighbours.

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

Support to residents

Support has been given to residents on the following matters, both with positive outcomes:-

- i) MSDC will be erecting an additional road name sign for Hill Farm Lane at the junction with Deadmans Lane.
- ii) Suffolk CC have promised to cut hedges for the entire length of Cross St. (Previous years works have omitted the last 200m).

SID (Speed Indication Display)

The post extension on the approach to All Saints Church is still awaiting installation.

The SID has been reconfigured to ignore activity below 25mph, i.e. cyclists and people turning in and out of driveways, thus concentrating on through traffic.

Most recent statistics summary.

Rattlesden Road Allotments.	Max speed recorded 53mph. 34% exceeding the speed limit.
Village Hall.	Max speed recorded 57mph. 33% exceeding the speed limit.
Gedding Rd / Park Rd / Rattlesden Rd jcn.	Max speed recorded 48mph. 24% exceeding the speed limit.

I propose that, (now we are familiar with the unit) we change to a 2 week change around rota. Effectively we will have the same coverage per location, but half the work/inconvenience. A 2 week change over will also nicely synchronise with the battery charging cycle.

Painting of Rails

We have received about 14 positive offers of help, so we have more than enough resource.

We have two potential sources to the discount available via the Dulux factory in Stowmarket.

The ball is in my court re. agreement with Suffolk on the paint and other material intended and management of debris (sanding) both a concern being adjacent to a watercourse.

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