

# Drinkstone Parish Council, Highways

Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated 2 Aug 2021

Agenda Item; Councillor portfolios

## General

It is pleasing to see that a number of potholes have been repaired over recent months.

I have raised the following issues on the Suffolk Highways reporting website:-

- i) Two 30mph speed signs vandalised between the Village Hall and the Sub Station.
- ii) Give Way sign (Jcn of Rattlesden Road and Gedding Road). This appears to have been caught by a large truck as it negotiated its way around some parked cars.
- iii) Fallen 30mph sign at Jcn of Hill Farm Lane and The Street (ongoing for months now)

Suffolk have advised that they will not repair the vandalised 30mph signs mentioned above (item ii) as it is not a priority; we may well have to consider repairing them ourselves.

It is disappointing that Suffolk have not replaced/repared the fallen 30mph at the Jcn of Hill Farm Lane and The Street, however it looks as if they will attend to it at some stage.

Kerb faults have been repaired at Arncliff/The Paddocks.

Suffolk CC reporting can be found at [www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk)

## Support to Residents

Residents on Cross Street were disappointed again that the verge was not cut along the whole length. Suffolk CC Highways had previously confirmed that it would be done thoroughly this year. Despite the disappointment, this has provided us with an opportunity to discuss with Suffolk CC Highways and we now understand the technical problem (tractor and flail are too big) and it will be cut by hand in future.

Mid Suffolk District Council confirmed that they would erect a "Hill Farm Lane" road sign at the Jcn with Deadmand Lane, however there is no sign of it yet.

## SID (Speed Indication Display) (written suitable for cut and paste into Village Magazine)

The SID post extension near All Saints Church is now installed, making our full complement of 4 locations at which we can position the SID. The SID is rotated between those 4 locations every 2 weeks.

Statistics from mid May to mid July show 25% of vehicles exceeding the speed limit (30mph) when approaching the sign and 38% exceeding the speed limit when travelling away from the sign. The SID does not illuminate for traffic travelling away from the sign.

The fastest speed recorded was in excess of 70mph, mid week at 10:30am, we shall not publish the exact speed for fear of setting a challenge to any irresponsible motorists.

Clearly 70mph in a 30mph speed limit is completely unacceptable and the data can be offered to the Police to support a request for greater enforcement.

## Painting of Rails

Admin work (method statements and the like) completed, and we started work a couple of weeks ago and have completed Chapel Lane and are 75% through Blacksmiths Corner. Two wooden rails at the bridge by The Old Rectory will need replacing.

Although the work is not quite complete, my thanks go to the team of volunteers who made this happen. I have also sent a note of thanks to Wiles Engineering who allowed us to use their road closure.

**Prepared by Cllr Paul Selvey**