

# Drinkstone Parish Council, Highways

**Report to the Parish Council Meeting Dated 5th Aug 2024.**

**Agenda Item; Councillor portfolios**

## **Pot holes and damage to roads**

The condition of local roads seems to be a never ending saga.

There are numerous pot holes and considerable verge damage particularly as a result of A14 commuter rat running.

On 5th July we held a meeting with Suffolk County Council (Ben Cook and Penny Otton) to follow up on our meeting earlier in the year with Jo Churchill. This meeting revealed that promised funds from National Highways to help with repairs had not yet appeared at the coal face. The meeting also revealed what I shall describe as “system errors” whereby some highways defect reports have been either forgotten or erroneously marked as “Works Completed”. Meeting notes have been circulated separately. Ben Cook is acting on our reminders, but too date little work has been undertaken and I have chased Mr Cook for progress.

We also sought clarification on the Parish Councils options to privately fund road repairs but as yet Mr Cook has not replied.

## **Chapel Lane**

Residents of Chapel Lane are self-funding some repairs to this private road. As the Parish Council allotments have access via Chapel Lane the allotment trustees have agreed to make a one off contribution.

Cllr Paul Selvey,  
Chair Drinkstone PC.