

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

DEVON HIGHWAYS LIAISON MEETING

held Monday 16th August 2021 at Bishopsteignton Community Centre

1. Present: BPC Cllrs. H. Merritt, K. Benham & K. Lambert. DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer T. Faulkner, DCC Cllr. R. Peart, TDC Cllr. A. MacGregor & BPC Clerk K. Ford.
Apologies: none
2. **Vehicle Activated Signage** – The process for apply this traffic control method has been simplified recently and the installation no longer needs to be approved by SCARF but must be within the 30mph area. The best option is for the Parish Council to purchase a unit which can be affixed to a lamp post, this way DCC will fund the ongoing power costs. If using a unit which is to be powered by an alternative source or attached to a post with no existing power supply, the power cost will not be met by DCC. BPC are required to purchase the unit, arrange installation and cover the cost of all future maintenance. Please note, the units will be covered by the BPC insurance policy, any damage to the lamppost will be met by DCC.
It was agreed by the BPC members present to make the following recommendation to the full council at its next meeting. A supporting paper to illustrate the proposed locations and expected costs shall be prepared by the clerk to accompany this recommendation.
It is recommended that BPC apply to install two vehicle activated signs to be affixed to lamp posts on the A381, to monitor and discourage speeding. It is recommended the cost be met using CIL and that future maintenance be met using precept (to be included in future annual budgets).
3. **Surfacing Programme:**
 - **2021/22** – No further surfacing works planned for the current year, and it is unlikely any additional funds would be released for extra work.
 - **2022/23** – Previously work was arranged using strategic route rather than attend to the worst problems first. Now a new process is to be trialled. Entitled 'Doing What Matters' this scheme will see the NHO working more closely with the Local Council and the community to achieve the required resolutions in priority order. Encouraged to report problems, especially if considered a priority, however, to remain realistic about just how much can be achieved. A central budget for repairs will be shared between five different regional NHOs
4. **Potholes** – As always, it is important to keep reporting, either online or via the customer support centre line. Anyone can report and highways issue.
5. **Gully Emptying** – Same programme of attendance, no changes expected. It can be difficult for the jetting team to stick to the programme when access issues occur. Tegan advised of a website where the date of most recent visit of each drain/gully and any action taken is available. Web address to be confirmed.
Kate raised concerns about the insufficient drainage at the end of La Roche Maurice Walk, Tegan advised this was an ideal project to be raised under the Doing what matters scheme. Henry added the poor drainage alongside the Lawns recreation ground boundary wall, in the A381. Clerk to send further details for Tegan to consider.
She agreed both these matters can be processed by her, for investigation, during the next financial year, and that no further application is required.
6. **Weeds in Kerbside** – This issue was discussed. Tegan reiterated that DCC will not act to remove weeds in the kerbside or gullies unless causing a safety defect. Several options were considered including encouraging resident to clear the worst few close to their own property, hire the steam machine from Newton Abbot Town Council, Teignbridge District Council's road/pavement sweeper, Community Payback service using Community Enhancement Fund. No firm decisions were reached.
7. **Drainage on Fore Street** – The clerk asked why this problem drain was missed from the recent clearing schedule (outside number 9 fore Street) and when the jetter and camera could be expected. Tegan would investigate why the drain was missed but felt there would be a reasonable explanation. She is hoping to appoint an alternative contractor to investigate the problems with this drain. To be advised.

OTHER MATTERS RAISED:

- 1. AIRBAND** – The recent activity in the village from this ISP was discussed including reference to a letter which was causing concern to residents. Andrew asked for a copy and details of the resident liaison zoom meeting.
- 2. WEEDS ON A381 (near Salcombe Dip)** – Kate reported that although overgrown vegetation had been flailed this had not touched what was lying across the pavement, making it difficult for pedestrians, wheelchairs and pushchairs to pass easily.
- 3. THE LEIGH** – Kate mentioned this road should be signed posted at both ends that it is a restricted route in terms of width. Tegan to investigate.
- 4. GULLY (Teign View Road/Berry Hill junction)** – Keith felt this gully was in the wrong place due to the natural flow of surface water. Tegan agreed to investigate, Keith to forward photos.

The next meeting to be held at 2.30pm on Wednesday 24th November 2021