

PARISH DRIVE ROUND: 26.02.2020

The following is a brief report of the locations inspected during the recent drive round in the company of our Locality Steward, Lara Edwards, and the Lengthsman, Richard Mills:

1. Lady Arbour Farm, Eardisley. Standing water in ditch and suspected blocked culverts. Noted by BBLP.
2. Eardisley Auto Services. Flooding across the entrance; pipe coming into the ditch running alongside the premises next to the road is blocked; drain on the opposite corner of the entrance has had water bubbling up through it and the surrounding area is overgrown. Noted by BBLP.
3. Canon Ford Avenue, Eardisley. Overhanging vegetation from rear of garden structures is reported to be causing obstructed visibility. Lara to check the rules & regulations on this and advise.
4. Hobby Lyons Bridge, Eardisley. Nearby properties have been flooded recently (including Pudding Cottage). Suspected blockage in the brook near to the bridge. Inspected, water had receded significantly; it was noted there was a sizeable section of a tree trunk in the brook on one side, but this did not appear to be impacting the water flow. To be kept under review, since the recent flooding was at exceptional levels.
5. Wooton Farm, Eardisley. Blocked culvert; grips need cleaning out. BBLP?
6. Welson Lane, Pentre Jack, Quebb Lane, etc. Drive round: BBLP noted flooding, road deterioration, broken surfaces/channels narrowing the road, mud and debris, potholes, etc. Lara had already received the report of potholes in Quebb Lane, which are in the pipeline for repair.
7. Woodseaves Road: standing water/flooding was in evidence; it was noted work to clear any pipe blockages and to resolve the issue would need to wait until the ground has dried out.
8. Ditches and blocked pipes in Woodseaves Road, plus a pothole by the bungalows. Noted in passing by Lara as she was due to inspect the entire length of the road from Whitney to Eardisley on 27.02.2020 and would report defects then.
9. The flooding, including properties and the Food Hall, at the A438 end of the Woodseaves Road was reported. A brief inspection took place of the waterway under the road coming up by the Boat as it was reported water had flooded from the brook. No blockage was found and the water was running freely. It was concluded the flooding was caused by sheer volume of water from the river colliding with rain and field run-off from the village.
10. Whitney Court Road potholes: Lara was advised that potholes very recently repaired have already recurred. Lara to raise an Enquiry.

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11. Whitney Toll Bridge: the issue with lorries and heavy vehicles eroding the verge leading to the toll bridge from the A438 was inspected as much as it could be, given the flooding on the corner. BBLP is aware of this issue and the collapsed drain; the area has been coned off for safety and will be repaired as soon as possible. Unfortunately, it was not possible to estimate a timeframe due to the scale of flood-related issues across the county.
12. Blocked gullies on the A438 opposite the toll bridge were also inspected and reported for action by BBLP. The nature of the blockages was resulting in excess standing water pooling on the road.
13. Overhanging self-seeded trees and foliage: on the A438 going from the toll bridge towards Whitney. This had been reported previously as it was felt debris from the trees and foliage was a contributing factor in the gullies becoming blocked. This was noted again by Lara.
14. Flooding on the A438 on both sides of the road just past the layby in both directions. It was thought the pipe under the road needed jetting and the culverts cleared. The opinion was expressed that the pipe is too small to be fit for purpose. Historically a ditch had been put in towards Stow Farm to channel water away from the road. BBLP will look into whether any clearing and unblocking can be done.