

HWG REPORT 7th DECEMBER 2020

Up-date on SIDs

- The movement plan for the SIDs has been finalised and sent to BBLP, a note was put on village electronic notice boards up-dating residents.
- The usage trial has been successfully completed in Whitney. The SIDs have now moved to Winforton and it is hoped to present a full report on traffic flow at the next PC meeting.

Locality steward briefing

The following points were promulgated by our Locality Steward

- Potholes have been filled around our area – It looks like a more inclusive method has been used, covering more than just the original original hole. Various roads have also been swept
- Fly tipping has been removed from Pentre Jack road.
- Various road traffic signs have repaired on A438
- PROW materials have been delivered to a landowner on footpath EE40 for repairs and upgrade.

Bakers Lane Winforton

A Winforton resident highlighted a number of ongoing issues on Bakers Lane

- Surface deterioration. This lane is an adopted highway as far as the gate at the southern end. BBLP carried out resurfacing work in 2014 and have been approached to inspect the condition of the road surface. The issue has also been logged on the BBLP reporting website.
- Blocked ditches from hedge cutting. This has been inspected by the Winforton Footpaths Officer and it is not thought to be a serious problem. The landowner will be made aware of the issue.

Footpaths

- A number of issues have been identified on footpaths WW11 and EE6. Some are more critical than others, but all have been passed to the relevant Footpath Officer for action as required. There is an expectation that the landowner will favourably engage with this issue.
- It is accepted that the replacement of the double stile on WW1 has been ongoing for some time; the works order to carry out the task was placed a while ago and the work will be completed as soon as possible taking into account other priorities and prevailing weather conditions.
- Kissing gates have recently been installed on EE16
- Overhanging branches from an unstable tree on Winforton Common have been cut back by Western Power.

- The replacement of the footbridge at the junction of footpaths WY2 & BE35, which was washed away earlier in the year, is ongoing but is not likely to be imminent. The Locality Steward has engaged with the adjoining landowner to discuss the issue.

TRO Application A438

- The initial request to get the ball rolling on the proposed TRO to standardise the speed limit between Whitney and The Rydspence at 50mph, including reasons for the change and identifying maps, have been sent the Locality Steward and our Ward Councillor; they both have to sanction it before it can progress to BBLP. Our Ward Councillor has now done so.
- It should be noted that resolution of TROs can take up to two years.

Avian Flu

- In light of the recent notification of Avian Flu in the county a question was raised, in respect of where a foot path passes close to poultry sheds, as to if the farmer may close the right of way on bio-security grounds. Additionally, clarification was sought on if Parish Councillors or Footpath Officers have any responsibilities? The reply from the Tactical Commander dealing with the issue at Hereford Council replied that no action is required at present but if the situation does change, we will be informed.

Flood Damage - Whitney Traffic Lights

- BBLP have advised that following a decision taken on the 22nd September they are working towards the tendering of this work. From that date to completion, it is expected to take 25 weeks, in effect until approximately mid-March 2021. They have asked to be informed of any RTAs and incidents (such as the one recently) as they will be considered in the context of the likely timescale for works and what action might be done to mitigate risk to road users in the meantime.

Road Surface Noise – North Eardisley

- Our Ward Councillor has a meeting scheduled next week with representatives from BBLP and the Councils highways engineer to look at, and hopefully progress, this issue.

Agenda Points

Request from Eardisley Resident

- A resident of Eardisley contacted BBLP asking that traffic lights be placed in the centre of Eardisley to regulate traffic flow through the village; the HWG were asked to comment on this issue. After discussion the group took the view that, while they are very sympathetic to the points raised by the resident, lights placed in this way would be both highly impractical and disruptive and do little to ease traffic through the village.

New volunteers for the HWG

- Pippa Prosser – Willersley
- Gill Sommers – Eardisley