

Drinkstone Parish Council, Highways

Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated 10 Jan 2022.

Agenda Item; Councillor portfolios

General

There are no issues recorded on the Suffolk Highways reporting website this month.

Suffolk CC reporting can be found at www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk

Potholes are getting worse between Rookery Farm and the Substation.

Flooding on Park Road has (so far this winter) not been a serious problem which I would like to think is a result of the scheduled preventative maintenance work undertaken by Suffolk CC Highways.

Hedges and trees in proximity to Highways

Following requests from the public I contacted both Mr Paul Thurlow, who farms adjacent to Park Road and to Hans Seiffer (Sally Rodway) who owns a field adjacent to Rattlesden Road.

Mr Seiffer has advised that he has engaged a landscape maintenance contractor to attend to Rattlesden Road, this was due to happen mid December but has been postponed as the contractor didn't feel happy with the equipment they had on the day and predict returning in January.

Mr Thurlow has advised also that he intends to cut the growth alongside Park Road but also spoke of the difficulty doing this with live traffic. I have agreed to contact Suffolk Highways to explore the possibility of arranging our own road closure (if Suffolk could lend some signage). If this is possible then the intension is to contact all landowners on Park Road, so they all have the same opportunity to take advantage of a road closure.

SID (Speed Indication Display)

The new SID has arrived, been configured and deployed; both SIDs programmed with festive messages for the Christmas and New Year period

30mph repeater signs

Further investigation into installing additional speed repeaters has revealed there is a Highways minimum spacing distance and it would appear that all the existing repeaters meet these requirements so there is no scope to install additional signs.

Welcome Gates

I have contacted JAC Limited requesting a budgetary quotation and also sent Penny Otton with a request to proceed with a quotation from Suffolk Highways via the Local Highways Budget Team as outlined in December meeting.

For both I have provided Google Earth street view scenes which show the existing signs.

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