

# Drinkstone Parish Council, Highways

**Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated 3 May 2022. Agenda Item; Councillor portfolios**

## **General**

There are no new issues recorded on the Suffolk Highways reporting website this month. (There appears to be an issue near Dead Mans Lane towards Woolpit which has been stuck on the website for close to 18 months. I tend to ignore this as I'm confident that it is a web site error and it is more Woolpit than Drinkstone).

Suffolk CC reporting can be found at [www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk)

## **Potholes**

The series of potholes from Rookery Farm to Hill Farm Lane reported to Suffolk County Council 22 March have been repaired. Suffolk CC note the works being completed 11 April 2022.

## **SID (Speed Indication Display)**

SIDs continue to work well and we have two of the back-to-back brackets fitted. I need to find time to fit the remaining two back-to-backs. The current rota will soon expire and I intend to continue with 2 weekly intervals as before but with myself taking every alternate occasion. This means (assuming 7 Councillors) with each volunteer swapping the SIDs every two weeks then your turn will come around every 22 weeks. I shall circulate a draft rota in the next week or so and publish via Google Sheets. Please advise if you would like to opt out, or if you have any difficulty accessing Google Sheets.

The Google Sheets rota can be edited by anyone, so if you need to swap then you can change it to reflect any changes. It is important to keep an accurate record of where the SIDs are deployed and when, and also their direction. This helps if we are asked to investigate any specific incidents or date ranges.

Analysing the data is impossible unless we have a record of the SIDs deployment.

## **Speed restriction (Hill Farm Lane, and other areas of Drinkstone village outside the 30mph restriction)**

(Background:- A resident requested we explore the feasibility of altering the speed restriction on Hill Farm Lane).

I have requested some guidance from Suffolk CC on two separate occasions with no reply. My own assessment of the criteria for altering the speed restriction is that it is unlikely to be successful, but I shall continue to press Suffolk CC.

## **Welcome Gates**

Currently on hold pending budget allocation from 2022/3 Locality Fund. We missed out on 2021/2.

Surveys suggest that we are unlikely to make any improvement to the signage on Beyton Road due to inadequate space, and to review this should the development of two bungalows go ahead.

Gedding Road approach already has a prominent sign, which incorporates the speed limit and includes a Please Drive Carefully message. There is insufficient space to widen the signage with a surround gate so the only feasible improvements are either a picket fence below, or an asymmetric arrangement to the hedge side.

The two signs on Rattlesden Road and Woolpit Road can potentially be replaced with gate style signage of 4ft (1200mm) width.

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