

Drinkstone Parish Council, Highways

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting Dated 5 Sept 2022. Agenda Item; Councillor portfolios

General

At the time of writing there are no open Highways issues on Suffolk County Councils reporting tool. The reporting tool can be found here www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk.

A handful of potholes around the village have been marked in yellow outline indicating that they will soon be repaired.

SIDs

No news, SIDs continue to be deployed 24/7/365

Rail Painting

Wooden rails and one post replaced and painted near The Rectory. My thanks to Cllrs Lambert, Edmondson & Holborn for their assistance and also to Tony Bland and Graham Todd for their hard work.

Cross Street verge cutting

Finally Suffolk CC have acknowledged (in correspondence to Penny Otton) their responsibility with regard to cutting the whole length of this road. The Parish Council may wish to consider writing a letter to Suffolk CC to highlight their abysmal communications on this matter. Perhaps a matter to put on a future agenda for discussion?

Welcome gates.

Only Wyles have responded with a formal quote for two of the approaches, Rattlesden Road and Woolpit Road. They have elected to use Glasdon products which have recently been used in other parts of Suffolk. After surveying the sites Wyles have elected to offer 3 ft wide gates/signage as they fear any wider than that will breach the highway clearance requirement. The existing signs are 4 ft wide. The existing signs already breach the minimum clearance required but that doesn't necessarily mean that new signs can be installed in the same manner.

Wyles quote is £2680 for the two signs and we have received a grant of £2500.

If we wish to proceed with Wyles quotation then we shall have to submit a licence application to Suffolk CC, along with Wyles/Glasdon's drawings to gain their permission. The licence will cost £150.

Motion on Sept Agenda to authorise payment of £2680 plus the licence of £150.

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