

Betchworth Parish Council – Highways Report May 2024

---Replacement Sign For Village Entry – Station Road/ A25

A quotation from sign supplier, Glasdon, has been obtained & a cost for installation from local handyman. Council approval is sought to proceed.

-----Alternative Bus Route for rail engineering closures

The current location of the alternative bus stop is at Pilgrim cottages on the A25. The route is over an uneven footpath with no street lighting & is a safety risk from possible personal attack. An alternative has been drafted which uses a location for bus stops closer to the station in Station Road. This is subject to consultation with adjoining Parishes & the Police Highways Safety Officer before requesting Network Rail to adopt.

-----Pebblehill Drainage Repairs & Footpath Railing Damage

SCC Highways are progressing drainage repairs when road closure possession can be secured. One drain has been found to have no outlet connection & design remedy required to provide adequate road drainage.

A tractor travelling along the road adjacent to higher level footpath resulted in a loose arm removing the footpath railings for some distance. These were concrete posts with metal lateral rails, exposing the steep drop below to the road with serious risk to pedestrians. SCC have provided temporary security barriers but these are not fit for long term security & not visually acceptable in a rural area. It is not known if SCC are pursuing a claim with the tractor vehicle's insurers.

-----Pebblehill Verge Damage From Reversing into Warehouse Complex

Deliveries to the site use large vehicles which experience problems in reversing into the development due to the limited width of the gate width into the site. Parish Council are reviewing possible remedial measures with County Cllr. Helyn Clack.

-----Barley Mow -Old Reigate Road -Damaged Fencing P1130736.JPG

Clerk has raised this with both Building Control & Highways on potential collapse into the road. Neither have considered it an immediate risk but further fence movement now evident from PC recent inspection & Building Control have been requested to put site owner on notice of potential collapse into road with attendant accident risk .

-----The Street Repeater 30 mph Signs

SCC had agreed to provide additional signs following an earlier meeting with Clerk & Cllr. Randall . These were required to be of a regular nature to reduce potential for speeding but only 2 signs without latest design yellow backboard have been provided

which is not adequate, Referral back to Senior Engineer to be made to comply with Safety Officer recommendations.

-----Wonham Lane Resurfacing and Drainage Repairs

County Cllr Clack is pursuing and after allocating funds for this financial year it has been agreed that the road resurfacing will take place following pre-patching work This is for the stretch of Wonham Lane from The Street, Betchworth to County Cllr Clack's divisional boundary.

With regards to the drainage SCC jetting crews recently attended the location and conducted maintenance on the roadside gullies within the area. While this has helped alleviate some of the immediate issues, it appears that the underlying problem lies with a blockage within the pipeline carrier on private property. Further resolution discussions with County Councillor Clack need to take place.