

## HIGHWAYS LIAISON MEETING - ASHWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Item	Next Meeting: 18 March 2025 - 10.30am Parish Office				
	ITEM	LOCATION	SOURCE/NOTES	ACTIONS	STATUS
1	Bollards -repainting needed	Total x25 upright plus x2 corners in Kingsland Way	Noted that x8 in High Street were painted in early 2023. <b>Note that those in High St near Kingsland Way (outside old Post Office) are in serious need of painting.</b>	To be painted in batches as and when possible. Colour RAL6001 - Action: S Jarvis	Ongoing as costs allow.
2	Street lights-column repainting	Various - 72 of swan neck design (those in new developments OK)	Older columns many in poor state particularly in the conservation area. . These could have been painted in leaded paint. Any lead painted lamps require specialist treatment to repaint. POLICY - No lights are repainted, galvanised steel, powder coated path forward for new lights as no maintenance.	Parish owns some street lamps, Clerk to identify	Ongoing
	<i>Noted that Highways policy is not to repaint but replace as needed for eg structural reasons.</i>	Junction Wilsons Lane and High Street	Unit no.9 still unpainted (lantern is green, swan neck is black and column is unpainted)	Highways to provide update.	Update in March meeting
3	Yellow lines -proposals for additional	Hodwell - at Swan Street end	Oct 24 - Recent notification from resident that Refuse Lorry was damaged due to the width of road with parked cars.  Clerk has posted no parking signs but these are ineffective	Needs a source of funding. Already has one feature at the entrance to the village. Planned scheme requires funding by new S106 monies.	APC to determ other safety/problem areas in the village requiring yellow lines. Report back to Highways/Steve Jarvis. Process requires public engagement, statutory consultation, raising order, road closure, parked vehicles to be moved, prior to painting etc.  NO FUNDS AVAILABLE UNTIL MID 2025  Update for March meeting
4	Speeding	Newnham Way and Station Road	Speed Measurement Survey	Potential Priority 'Give Way' Build Out - before houses into the village - however this requires lighting too. Position of Driveways might be an issue in locating the traffic calming feature. Funding may not be available	Update at March meeting
4a		Kingsland Way		Speed and Volume Survey is scheduled for Feb/March 25.	Update at March meeting
		Station Road	Speed reduction measure scheme already identified by Highways in relation to previous S106.	Needs a source of funding. Already has one feature at the entrance to the village. Any new scheme drawn up could be funded by S106	Report then Remove from list for March meeting
4b		Claybush Road	Speed problems.	Protruding kerb assessed as not serious - no action to be taken. Speed and Volume Survey on Claybush Road is scheduled for Feb/March 25.	Update at March Meeting
4d		Lucas Lane	Already has painted 20mph roundals, parked cars slow traffic down.	Clerk to send letter to farmers asking their drivers to slow down driving through the village, and advise PCSO	Clerk
4e		General	Speed problems. PCSO	Clerk to notify PCSO.	Report then Remove from list for March meeting
5	War Memorial junction	Drainage problems	Option of removing or relocating the dropped kerb suggested.	Work due Jan - March 2025 due to materials delay	Update at March meeting
		Vegetation obscuring street light and concerns from The Maltings re large tree	Potentially remove the tree as area is not lite properly because of tree - Management Committee of Maltings thought to be responsible rather than Highways.	House opposite Lucas Lane abandoned one -	ACTION - PARISH COUNCIL TO CONTACT MALTINGS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - request to do it 50:50% funded
6	Townsend Meadow	New footway on Station Road	Condition of planning permission		Townsend Meadow Developer - NHC to persue the developer - to be followed up by Cllr Tyson/NHC

7	Cycle racks	High Street (existing racks by the shop and old post office)	Proposal for an additional rack in the vicinity of Days the Baker.	Proposed 2 'Cycle Stand Hoops' to be placed by the Notice Boards in the High Street (Painted Green RAL6001)	Potential to do this - potentially 2 @£1,000 APC will discuss and liaise with Steve Jarvis.
8	The Ruddy	From Woodforde Close to Station Road	Request for removal of BOAT status refused by Highways. Damage to the surface demonstrates unsuitable use.  How to designate as a Green Lane as it is part of the Ickneild Way? S Jarvis to gain information on Green Lanes Action: S Jarvis	Clerk to liaise with ROW who are responsible. Address volume check on traffic - Pot Holes filling. Robert Lloyd, ROW	Report then Remove from list for March meeting
8a		Wet weather flooding - the surface of the road is pot holed that it completely floods - Ruddy east of Hunts Ridge House - circa 20m of BOAT that is heavily indented		Rights of Way Officer ? Road needs repatching with hardcore & gravel.	Report then Remove from list for March meeting
9	Maintenance issues	Newnham Way footway narrowing	Concerns from local residents that not passable with a buggy due to overgrowth	Fault Report. Use Herts Direct website - goes straight to live system and categorised, high priority issues sent to Triage Officers who assess and will raise a job request. If no action or unhappy with outcome, direct to Ringway Officer with reference number, (Clerk has details). Applies to roads/pathways/pot hole/drains/ to pin point to alert the triage officer. Detail as much information as possible, ie //What.3.Words location, pictures etc - very helpful to instantly identify spot.	Clerk - FAULT REPORT  Clerk to notify village by newsletter/social media of process, and to send frequent reminders.  Keep record of reference numbers reported
10		West End chicane	Excess of debris at kerbside White Line invisible because of inadequate street cleaning - NH responsible for road cleaning. - NHC reporting street cleaning, NHDistrict Council Street Cleaning	White lines cannot be painted before April Location added to 25/26 Lining Programme  Steve Jarvis advised work planned	Update in March - then remove from list when done
12	Claybush Road	Concerns by local residents re speeding safety issues, overgrown vegetation, lorries mounting private drives, protruding kerb	Request from local residents	Overgrown vegetation report via fault finding  Protruding Kerb - developers obligation.	Clerk - FAULT REPORT Clerk to notify village by newsletter/social media of process, and to send frequent reminders.  APC to discuss - possible remove from list for March meeting
13	Footpath 28	Overgrown	Complaints from resident		FAULT REPORT Remove from list when done
14	Silver Street	Grass bank on south side of Silver Street has not been cut for a long time.		Fault Report -	FAULT REPORT  Clerk to notify village by newsletter/social media of process, and to send frequent reminders.
15	Mill Street Street Light (Crumps Butchers)	Top missing, wires exposed	Wiring problem reported to Street Lighting, replacement to be decided and ongoing Colour check lamp to be painted blue to match existing RAL code to be established <b>Action: Clerk</b>	Urgent request to be replaced. And painted RAL 260 30 15 Berlin blue (similar to the colour of the Column in Hitchin)  Highways to advise	Update in March - then remove from list
16	Drainage	Back Street flooding	What3Words survey of drains to be fed through to S Jarvis and colleague to discuss and understand issues meeting October <b>Action: Clerk</b>	FAULT REPORT - Already Actioned - Check DJ?  Clerk to notify village by newsletter/social media of process, and to send frequent reminders.	Update when report fixed
16a		Blocked drain outside 1 Cinque Cottage Station Road Ashwell. SG 75RN. Every time there is more than a shower, a huge puddle occurs - about 6ft across - and traffic inevitably splashes and has caused damage to the house wall and windows.  Highways have attended but say they can only clear any debris from that drain and it would need to be cleared under the road because there is obviously a blockage further along. They do not seem to be prepared to do that. After some heavy rain had actually flooded the kitchen.	Complaint from resident	FAULT REPORT  Clerk to notify village by newsletter/social media of process, and to send frequent reminders.	Update when report fixed
16b		Northfield Road, Claybush Road	Glitches not cut/maintained	FAULT REPORT  Clerk to notify village by newsletter/social media of process, and to send frequent reminders.	Update when report fixed

16c		General drainage issues in Ashwell, Lucas Lane & Kingsland Way, High Street, water flowing over - debris blocking the drain bars		<b>FAULT REPORT</b>  Clerk to notify village by newsletter/social media of process, and to send frequent reminders.	Update when report fixed
17	Road Signs	<p>Lack of road markings and poor position of No Entry sign at the end of Back Street at West End. (a danger as numerous vehicles do down Back Street the wrong way)</p> <p>Road sign at the corner of West End and Hinxworth Road, on grass island opposite Partridge Hill needs replacing</p>	<p>Line markings have been reported Ref No. 401004421755- Location also added to 25/26 Lining programme</p> <p>'No Entry' sign has to stay nowhere else to put it.</p> <p>Tree could be cut back - Report via Fault Report</p> <p>Hinxworth sign -Fault Report ref no: 401004259570 reported in August - Hinxworth Sign is not a warning or not speed limit - advisory/warning signs take priority</p>		Highways to advise update in March
18	<b>Pot Holes - must be 50mm or greater, unless in a running lane busy road, Herts Direct website defects management approach, what to report an how to report. You get an update as it goes through the process. May not be a priority - essential to put email address in.</b>	<p>Potholes on Station Road outside Philospher's Gate junction and also on the side of Station Road in the 40 mph zone up to the parish boundary (and beyond).</p> <p>There was a large pothole at 42 Back St which was repaired a year or so ago but hasn't lasted and is now essentially just gravel and a pothole again.</p> <p>I've tried reporting it on council website but the map is not working.</p> <p>Station Road potholes - edge of road in Station Road between traffic calming and Redlands Farm.</p>	Complaint from resident	<b>FAULT REPORT</b>  Clerk to notify village by newsletter/social media of process, and to send frequent reminders.	Update when report fixed
19	<b>Hedge Maintenance</b>	The hedge along the path between the new housing development and traffic calming. Station Road 28 Houses development - Matthews Homes	Complaint from resident		Clerk to contact Cllr Tyson
20	<b>Kingsland Way</b>	<p>The edges of the road from Kingsland Avenue to Slip End are in a dreadful state with many severe and dangerous pot holes and missing tarmac.</p> <p>Overgrown banking along Kingsland Way has been allowed to grow over the edge and into the road creating a hazard for drivers and pedestrians and needs to be cut right back so that the full width of the road can be used.</p> <p>Items we have encountered over many months in Kingsland Way:-</p> <p>20 mile per hour signs and street lights, obliterated by trees.</p> <p>Potholes not repaired.</p> <p>Bushes growing out into the road, and debris, making it difficult to keep in to the side when traffic is passing.</p> <p>Road width severely compromised</p> <p>Drains, when cleared, quickly choked again by debris washing down from the completely silted drainage channels further up the hill.</p> <p>Trees, shrubs and some fencing on the banks, in a bad state of maintenance.</p>	Complaint from resident	<p>Fault report: potholes/missing tarmac/overgrown banking/speed signs obliterated by trees/ bushes growing into road/drain.</p> <p>HCC &amp; Ringways aware of bank stability issues in Kingsland Way and are due to take action in 2025/6.</p> <p>Potential to extend this to Slip End Road edge damage but an Integrated Work Programme needs to be agreed with Highways.</p>	<b>FAULT REPORT</b>  Clerk to notify village by newsletter/social media of process, and to send frequent reminders. Highways / Ringway to update at March meeting
21	<b>High Street at junction of Church Street</b>	parked cars restricting view, dangerous blind spot - double yellow lines requested	Covered above	Suggestion - limited yellow line 2 car lengths to be discussed	See item 3 above

22	Dixies Meadow Pavement	The pavement that borders Dixies Meadow is becoming increasingly affected by tree roots. A number of what look like, self seeded sycamore trees have grown on the fence border. As they are now becoming quite a size, the pavement is becoming compromised. Wheelchair access is not possible in places, and even mothers with buggies are starting to find it harder.	Fault report	<b>FAULT REPORT</b>  Clerk to notify village by newsletter/social media of process, and to send frequent reminders.	Update when report fixed.  PC Chair to contact farmer responsible for the trees causing the pavement damage.
23	<b>ACTIONS RAISED BY HIGHWAYS</b>	Remove 20s Plenty posters from official signs (warning/speeding signs alerts)	<b>Clerk to notify PCSO.</b>	Action - Clerk	Update at March meeting
		Road Works and Road Cloures - TROs can be monitored by one.network live	<b>Clerk to send request newsletter reminders to village - <a href="https://one.network/uk">https://one.network/uk</a></b>	Action - Clerk	Update at March meeting
		Faded White Lining - Generally around the village including Back Street.		General maintenance - Added to Lining Programme 2025/26	Highways to provide update in March.