

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Below is a list of Outstanding Highways Issues that the Parish Council are in discussion with DCC about

December 2019

Outstanding Highways issues

It was agreed to remove item vi) lowered drain cover as there was not much chance of this being done and item vii) tar on school hill
The curb at the new school had been marked up
The drain cover on Station Road bridge had been done
There were no other updates on outstanding issues

November 2019

10.1 Outstanding Highways issues

- I. Curb at new school – waiting for 278 legal agreement sign off
- II. Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested
- III. Manhole cover on bridge in Station Road – DCC have passed to Enforcement, however highways would not allow the work to be carried out until after 12 December
- IV. Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – declined - requested this is re-considered
- V. Uncollected road signs
- VI. Lowered drain cover on A377 Crediton to Exeter near The Lodge
- VII. Tar on School Hill footpath VIII. Request for a Road Safety audit on A377 in centre of village
- IX. Request for bollards on pavement by old school to be removed due to safety issue
- X. Request for consideration of a crossing at Tytheing Close
- XI. Footpath from Layby to bus stop in Half Moon – request to DCC to improve surface/land owner re hedge. Standing orders were suspended and Cllr G Barnell noted that following the recent meeting with Highways, this area had been agreed as the second priority after a pedestrian crossing. Enquiries were being made to Hanlons to find when they may be starting their development and consideration was being given to a pavement beyond PR Cars. Cllr G Barnell noted he would keep this firmly on his agenda as it was an important health and safety issue. Standing orders were reinstated. It was noted that some cars were parking in the bus stop and Cllr M Squires suggested reporting on the DCC website
- XII. Bus stop at Langford Road junction – waiting for response from Stagecoach

October 2019

10.1 Outstanding Highways issues

- I. Curb at new school – waiting for 278 legal agreement sign off - Cllr C Southcott reported that the contractors had returned twice to carry out curb work but had not dropped the curb by the new school. Cllr J Enright would email Ian Sorensen
- II. Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested. There was no update.
- III. Manhole cover on bridge in Station Road – as discussed in the public session.
- IV. Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – declined - requested this is re-considered – no update

- V. Uncollected road signs – road signs by Langford junction had been reinstated following a grass cut even though they were not current signs.
- VI. Raised drain cover on A377 Crediton to Exeter near The Lodge – actually a lowered drain cover
- VII. Missing hatched markings at A377 junction with Station Road – these had been replaced and could be removed from the list
- VIII. Tar on School Hill footpath – no update
- IX. Request for a Road Safety audit on A377 in centre of village - ongoing
- X. Request for bollards on pavement by old school to be removed due to safety issue – no update
- XI. Request for consideration of a crossing at Tytheing Close - ongoing
- XII. Request for a new drain at Sand Down Lane – the existing drain had been jetted recently by DCC which indicated they were taking responsibility for its maintenance and it was resolved to remove this from the list.
- 10.2 New DCC issues - overgrown hedge opposite Parish Hall obstructing yellow lines
The hedge had been cut so no further action was required

September 2019

- 10.1 Outstanding Highways issues
 - I. Curb at new school – waiting for 278 legal agreement sign off
 - II. Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested
 - III. Manhole cover on bridge in Station Road – with Utility Company.
 - IV. Moving school flashing signs further down A377 – now working. Delete from list
 - V. Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – declined - requested this is re-considered
 - VI. Uncollected road signs
 - VII. Raised drain cover on A377 Crediton to Exeter near The Lodge
 - VIII. Missing hatched markings at A377 junction with Station Road
 - IX. Tar on School Hill footpath
 - X. Request for a Road Safety audit on A377 in centre of village
 - XI. Request for bollards on pavement by old school to be removed due to safety issue
 - XII. Request for consideration of a crossing at Tytheing Close
 - XIII. Request for a new drain at Sand Down Lane
 - XIV. Broken drain near Smallbrook – repaired. Delete from list

July 2019

- XV. Curb at new school – waiting for 278 legal agreement sign off
- XVI. Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested
- XVII. Manhole cover on bridge in Station Road. Cllr C Southcott had contacted the utility company who did not know about the problem. This had now been logged but as a road closure was required it would be at least six months until actioned.
- XVIII. Moving school flashing signs further down A377. The lights had been moved but were not working and Cllr J Enright had contacted the Head of Highways Secretary to request immediate action.
- XIX. Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – declined - requested this is re-considered
- XX. Uncollected road signs – no reply from Highways
- XXI. Raised drain cover on A377 Crediton to Exeter near The Lodge – no reply from Highways
- XXII. Missing hatched markings at A377 junction with Station Road – no reply from Highways
- XXIII. Tar on School Hill footpath – no reply from Highways
- XXIV. Request for a Road Safety audit on A377 in centre of village – no reply from Highway

- XXV. Request for bollards on pavement by old school to be removed due to safety issue – no reply from Highways
- XXVI. Request for consideration of a crossing at Tytheing Close – no reply from Highways
- XXVII. Broken drain between Five Elms and Smallbrook
- XXVIII. Overhanging trees between Station and Wykes Cross.
- XXIX. Request that drain at the end of Sand Down Lane is jetted

June 2019

- I. Concrete blocks by Langford Road It was confirmed that the lines had been adjusted and this could be removed from the list. It was noted that the height of the concrete block had been reduced. There was an intention to put a steel mesh over the hill at some point in the future
- II. Curb at new school – Ian Sorenson to discuss it with the agreements officer, works are part of the section 278 legal agreement and this cannot be passed as complete until the drop kerb is in. There was no further update.
- III. Speed restrictions in Station Road. The SCARF result had been circulated. A hand held speed check had been carried out in Station Road between 8.45am and 9.15am and a total of 74 car movements were recorded. Of these 4 were above 34mph and another 6 were above 30mph. The average speed had been calculated as 25mph and it was concluded by DCC that no further action was required. Cllr R Cashmore asked if a camera could be installed for a week as this would catch speeding traffic at all times during the day before and after the school rush. Cllr M Squires advised that a speed camera would usually only been installed if the SCARF check showed a significant problem. After discussion it was resolved that the Clerk should request a re-test at a different time of day.
- IV. Manhole cover on bridge in Station Road – A section 81 notice has been issued to the Utility Company. No further update
- V. Moving school flashing signs further down A377. Cllr J Enright reported that following his meeting today with DCC and the engineer responsible for the work, the lights would be moved within the next two weeks. Councillors pointed out that the school moved 12 months ago and promises to move the lights in the next two weeks had been received on numerous occasions before. It was noted that a school warning notice had been put up at the end of Station Road.
- VI. Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – With Traffic Team. Cllr J Enright reported that this request had been turned down for the present. Clerk to re- request
- VII. Manhole cover on A377 Crediton to Exeter side just by the lodge
- VIII. Lots of uncollected road work signs
- IX. Request for a safety audit in the village centre – concerns over safety of School Crossing Patrol Officer. White lines near the central refuge may have been altered?
- X. Request that hatched markings on the A377 junction with Station Road be reinstated
- XI. Pedestrian Crossing plans – comments submitted.
- XII. Request for a central refuge crossing at Tytheing Close
- XIII. Request to remove the bollards by the old school site as these are blocking visibility

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Outstanding Highways issues (*latest updates in italics*)

- I. Concrete blocks by Langford Road – *Engineering Department are considering wire ropes to hold back any falling stones and remove the blocks. Timing unknown.* It was resolved that the **Clerk should contact DCC urgently** and

- request that when the white lining is re-applied following the tarmac work scheduled for next week, the lines be adjusted to allow for correct traffic lanes
- II. Advertising signs on A377 – *If the PC formally write to DCC then ALL signs will be immediately removed.* After discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council did not wish to have a blanket ban on advertising signs. It was resolved that any issues with signs would be dealt with on an individual basis. If a sign posed a health and safety risk, then it may be necessary to consult with Highways.
 - III. Curb at new school – Confirmed by Ian Sorenson that this will be done. It was noted that dropped curbs had been completed at the entrance to Kingfisher Close but the work had not included the dropped curb at the school. **Clerk to contact Ian Sorenson and request a date by which the work would be done.**
 - IV. Resurfacing of School Hill - *scheduled for night closure in early May. Estimated 3 nights. School Hill to Quicke.* Remove from list
 - V. Speed restrictions in Station Road - *The SCARF review will take place soon. It is unlikely that signage will be installed.* **Clerk to request update**
 - VI. Manhole cover on bridge in Station Road – *A section 81 notice has been issued to the Utility Company. The work will be done.*
 - VII. Moving school flashing signs further down A377 – *delayed due to gas pipe road closures. They are looking into turning them off in the meanwhile. The aim is to remove and immediately re-site in the village centre.* **Clerk to request update**
 - VIII. Drain at Sand Down Lane – *best that the PC reports blockages on-line as they occur. Better still to clear it as they occur* – delete from list as this is on the maintenance schedule
 - IX. Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – request passed to Traffic Team. **Clerk to request update**
 - X. Drains at Five Elms Lane – *work anticipated to be done by December.* DCC report that contractor has cleared gully 18/3/19

April 2019

Cllr J Enright gave a report on his recent meeting with Tom Vaughan, DCC Highways and the responses are shown in italics below

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- II. Advertising signs on A377 – *If the PC formally write to DCC then ALL signs will be immediately removed.* It was resolved to put this on the agenda for the new council to consider.
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March 2019

Responses by Meg Booth (Head of Highways) in *italics*

- I. Concrete blocks by Langford Road – *Our Engineering Design Group have programmed an inspection of the site with a view to reducing to impact of the blocks or removing them from site. The inspection will focus on the bank stability and vegetation and any evidence of failure showing on site.*
- II. Advertising signs on A377 – *The removal of advertising signs will be locally sensitive, as we have to be consistent in our approach. As such, signs which are long established will have to be treated in the same way as any placed more recently. The local Highways Officer and elected member are discussing the matter to ensure we are content with the approach before removing the signs.*
- III. Curb at new school – Confirmed by Ian Sorenson that this will be done
- IV. Missing bus pole at A377 Crediton to Exeter at Home Farm – *The bus flag by Home Farm should be reinstated in the first two weeks of the New Year.*
- V. Resurfacing of School Hill - *Your comments regarding the resurfacing of School Hill on the A377 are correct. It remains programmed for the current financial years but has been delayed by the gas pipe renewal works.*
- VI. Speed restrictions in Station Road - *As you mention, the Speed restrictions by the new Primary school in Station Road are now undergoing a SCARF review. The next meeting of the forum is due early in the new year.*
- VII. Manhole cover on bridge in Station Road – *A notice has been served on the utility company with regard to the condition of the manhole on the bridge in Station Road. The repair and responsibility remains with the utility company.*
- VIII. Moving school flashing signs further down A377 – no date agreed for work to take place
- IX. Cement pile on A377 - *The repair of the location affected by the cement will be incorporated into the resurfacing works on School Hill*
- X. Drain at Sand Down Lane – *The local Highways Officer has met with the parish council and local member regarding the drainage on Sand Down Lane. The site has been visited by specialist contractors who have reported that unfortunately the drainage system is not running to capacity where it runs on private land beyond the extent of the highway. This is therefore the responsibility of the land owner at that point. We will continue to monitor the situation to minimise the impact of the highway drainage system and liaise with the landowner accordingly.*