

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

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

October 2021

There were no updates on outstanding issues. Clerk to chase up Western Power with regard to the broken street lights on the A377 and DCC with regard to the salt bin for Kingfisher Close

September 2021

- Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested – with Cllr M Squires/NHM to action. Cllr M Squires confirmed that our NHM would need to carry out a speed test
- Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school. With NHM to consider a sign and or a SCARF retest
- Drain cover on A377 – this had been done and could be removed from the list
- Relocate grit bin from outside old school to Tytheing Close – no update
- School Hill – This had been cleared and could be removed from the list. Contractors had suggested that if the bollards at the edge of the pavement towards the bottom of School Hill were removed, then it would be possible for a road sweeper to keep the pavement clear on a regular basis. Cllr M Squires would ask Highways to consider.
- Salt bin for Kingfisher Close – Cllr M Squires confirmed the request had been submitted.
- Gateway to Mid Devon sign – no update
- Broken street lights on Village Green – with Western Power to fix - road closure required
- Pedestrian Crossing update – The new date for the installation was 18 October.

July 2021

All issues were with Cllr M Squires to follow up.

With regard to School Hill and the overgrown footpath, it was agreed to write to the Head of DCC, the Head of Highways and Mel Stride MP to complain that the footpath was a Health and Safety issue and was not being maintained in a safe state.

Cllr J Enright reported that the pavement had been lowered on the bus stop side of Tytheing Close and this could be removed from the list.

Broken street lights on the Village Green – Clerk to contact Western Power for an update

June 2021

There were no updates on any of the outstanding issues apart from the street lights on the green which were not working. The problem had been referred to Western Power to resolve. This would be added to the list of outstanding items. It was noted that it would be very helpful if DCC could share its proposed list of works with the Parish Council.

May 2021

- Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested – with Cllr M Squires
Cllr M Squires advised that this was on the list for our Neighbourhood Highways Manager (NHM) to action
- Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – declined - requested this is re-considered. Cllr M Squires to check if PC can put up sign
Cllr M Squires advised that a traffic regulation is required to put up a sign in a 30mph zone, otherwise the speed restriction cannot be enforced. Clerk to email NHM and request sign and or a SCARF retest
- Request for a Road Safety audit on A377 in centre of village – agreed to remove from the list as this had taken place and the crossing was being installed
- Drain cover on A377 – passed to BT as a fault – Clerk to email NHM
- Relocate grit bin from outside old school to Tytheing Close – no update
- School Hill – clear grass etc back from pavement – Cllr M Squires advised that this was on DCC's system as a defect. It was suggested that it had now become a priority and the Clerk would include this in the email to the NHM
- Lower pavement on the bus stop side of Tytheing Close to facilitate easier access – no update
- Salt bin for Kingfisher Close – Cllr M Squires confirmed the request had been submitted.
- Reminder painted speed signs on A377 – reply received from DCC to say this is not possible. Remove from list

April 2021

There were no updates expect for:

- Chapter 8 Training had been arranged for 3 volunteers
- Parking restrictions in layby near Godolphin Close

Response from Neighbourhood Highways re parking restrictions

Having had a chat with the team it is agreed that the best way to get the parking restrictions is through our yearly HATOC waiting restrictions review. I know Cllr Squires has asked if this can be added to the proposed improvement scheme.

I have just added it to the current list, but please bare in mind this is not a quick process.

If we try to push this through with the scheme it is likely to hold it up due to the consultation periods.

I have asked the design/delivery team that if they are approached regarding this issue to recommend that it is passed through the Parish Council to Cllr Squires

When the scheme is in progress there will be temp parking restrictions in place anyway so it will give us a good indicator of where the issue gets displaced too.

March 2021

Cllr M Squires had referred all outstanding items to our Highways Neighbourhood Manager and was waiting to hear.

Cllr R Cashmore had chased up the Chapter 8 training and the Clerk had been sent confirmation that DCC would fund training for up to 3 volunteers. A list of providers had been sent and the Clerk would liaise with the volunteers to find a suitable date.

February 2021

Cllr M Squires explained that our Neighbourhood Highways Manager was extremely busy at the present time and due to COVID-19, parish drive arounds had not been possible since last March making following up outstanding items very difficult. Cllr M Squires agreed to chase up as best she could all the outstanding issues below

- Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested – with Cllr M Squires
- Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – declined - requested this is re-considered. Cllr M Squires to check if PC can put up sign
- Request for a Road Safety audit on A377 in centre of village
- Chapter 8 training for volunteers – on hold due to COVID-19
- Drain cover on A377 – passed to BT as a fault
- Double white lines on A377 – deferred until installation of crossing – remove from list
- Relocate grit bin from outside old school to Tytheing Close

December 2020

There were no updates.

Cllr M Squires suggested raising the issue of double white lines on the A377 when the crossing is installed.

November 2020

- Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested – with Cllr M Squires to chase
- Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – declined - requested this is re-considered. Cllr L Ouldrige asked if the Parish Council could put a sign up? Cllr M Squires would enquire
- Request for a Road Safety audit on A377 in centre of village
- Overgrown hedge/grass at Layby bus stop in Half Moon – some work has taken place, with more still to do
- Chapter 8 training for volunteers – not taking place at present due to COVID-19
- Drain cover on A377 – passed to BT as a fault

October 2020

There were no updates on any outstanding issues

September 2020

- Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested
 - Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – declined - requested this is re-considered. Cllr M Squires agreed to follow up i and ii above
- Uncollected road signs – **Clerk to report sign** on the road to Newton Woods. Remove from list
- Request for a Road Safety audit on A377 in centre of village. The speed monitoring that had recently taken place was a positive step.
- Footpath from Layby to bus stop in Half Moon – request to DCC to improve surface/land owner re hedge. The hedge had been cut but it was unlikely that any improvements would be made to the surface. Remove from list. Cllr G Quicke noted

that the grass verge at the half moon bus stop was very overgrown and meant that the bus was not visible from the bus shelter. **Clerk to report to DCC**

- School Hill pavement – grass needs clearing. Some work had taken place – remove from list
- Various Drains
- Broken flashing sign on A377 – this was now working
- Chapter 8 training for volunteers – no update

July 2020

- Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested but no reply. The parish clerk will send another email, copied to Cllr M Squires.
- Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school. This was declined but the council felt that there was an urgent need for at least a school sign. Cllr M Squires was asked to urgently pursue this.
- Uncollected road signs. It was suggested that if the contractors name is on the back of the sign, then the details should be given to the parish clerk and she would write to the contractor concerned.
- Request for a Road Safety audit on A377 in centre of village
- Footpath from Layby to bus stop in Half Moon – request to DCC to improve surface/land owner re hedge. The owner has trimmed the hedge.
- School Hill pavement – grass needs clearing – Cllr M Squires was asked to urgently issue this issue too.
- Various Drains

June 2020

There were no updates on any outstanding items

May 2020

There were no updates on specific items. Cllr M Squires had sent an update regarding potholes stating that our Neighbour Highways Officer was using this time to survey the roads and log pot holes. Cllr R Cashmore requested that he enters any pot holes identified onto the public system.

March 2020

- Curb at new school – waiting for 278 legal agreement sign off – this had been completed. There was still some rubbish in the field next to the new school
- Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested. Cllr M Squires was asked to chase this up
- Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – declined - requested this is re-considered. Cllr M Squires was asked to chase this up
- Uncollected road signs. These were still a problem
- Request for a Road Safety audit on A377 in centre of village. Cllr G Barnell was trying to re-arrange a meeting with the relevant parties from DCC but no date had yet been agreed
- Request for bollards on pavement by old school to be removed due to safety issue. It was agreed to remove this from the list as any action was unlikely until the old school site was developed
- Request for consideration of a crossing at Tytheing Close. As Vi above

- Footpath from Layby to bus stop in Half Moon – request to DCC to improve surface/land owner re hedge. The hedge had been cut. Cllr G Barnell continued to raise this with DCC and it would be discussed at the road safety meeting as noted in v. above.
- Bus stop at Langford Road junction – waiting for response from Stagecoach. Some tidying up had been done and it was agreed to remove this item from the list
- School Hill pavement – grass needs clearing. The Clerk had not been able to get a quote for work but it was agreed this was DCC's responsibility and Cllr M Squires would follow up
- Various Drains. Emails had been received reporting that drains were clear but this was not necessarily the case

Cllr R Cashmore asked Cllr M Squires if the Parish Council could be told what work is being done in the parish, like the old lengthsman scheme when parishes knew when work was scheduled to take place. Cllr M Squires would enquire. It was noted that reports of flooding should be dealt with quicker. Cllr C Southcott would accompany DCC Neighbourhood Highways Manager on his next drive through inspection of the parish.

February 2020

It was agreed to wait until Cllr M Squires was present to follow these up. Road issues would be raised at Raddon Hills

December 2019

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

Outstanding Highways issues

- Curb at new school – waiting for 278 legal agreement sign off
- Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested
- 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
- Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – declined - requested this is re-considered
- Uncollected road signs
- Lowered drain cover on A377 Crediton to Exeter near The Lodge
- Tar on School Hill footpath
- Request for a Road Safety audit on A377 in centre of village
- Request for bollards on pavement by old school to be removed due to safety issue
- Request for consideration of a crossing at Tytheing Close
- 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

- Bus stop at Langford Road junction – waiting for response from Stagecoach

October 2019

Outstanding Highways issues

- 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
 - Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested. There was no update.
 - Manhole cover on bridge in Station Road – as discussed in the public session.
 - Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – declined - requested this is re-considered – no update
 - Uncollected road signs – road signs by Langford junction had been reinstated following a grass cut even though they were not current signs.
 - Raised drain cover on A377 Crediton to Exeter near The Lodge – actually a lowered drain cover
 - Missing hatched markings at A377 junction with Station Road – these had been replaced and could be removed from the list
 - Tar on School Hill footpath – no update
 - Request for a Road Safety audit on A377 in centre of village - ongoing
 - Request for bollards on pavement by old school to be removed due to safety issue – no update
 - Request for consideration of a crossing at Tytheing Close - ongoing
 - 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.
- New DCC issues - overgrown hedge opposite Parish Hall obstructing yellow lines
The hedge had been cut so no further action was required

September 2019

Outstanding Highways issues

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

July 2019

- Curb at new school – waiting for 278 legal agreement sign off
- Speed restrictions in Station Road – SCARF re test requested

- 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.
- 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.
- Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – declined - requested this is re-considered
- Uncollected road signs – no reply from Highways
- Raised drain cover on A377 Crediton to Exeter near The Lodge – no reply from Highways
- Missing hatched markings at A377 junction with Station Road – no reply from Highways
- Tar on School Hill footpath – no reply from Highways
- Request for a Road Safety audit on A377 in centre of village – no reply from Highway
- Request for bollards on pavement by old school to be removed due to safety issue – no reply from Highways
- Request for consideration of a crossing at Tytheing Close – no reply from Highways
- Broken drain between Five Elms and Smallbrook
- Overhanging trees between Station and Wykes Cross.
- Request that drain at the end of Sand Down Lane is jetted

June 2019

- 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
- 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.
- 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 be 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.
- Manhole cover on bridge in Station Road – A section 81 notice has been issued to the Utility Company. No further update
- 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.
- 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
- Manhole cover on A377 Crediton to Exeter side just by the lodge
- Lots of uncollected road work signs

- 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?
- Request that hatched markings on the A377 junction with Station Road be reinstated
- Pedestrian Crossing plans – comments submitted.
- Request for a central refuge crossing at Tytheing Close
- Request to remove the bollards by the old school site as these are blocking visibility

May 2019

Outstanding Highways issues (*latest updates in italics*)

- 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
- 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.
- 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.**
- Resurfacing of School Hill - *scheduled for night closure in early May. Estimated 3 nights. School Hill to Quickes.* Remove from list
- Speed restrictions in Station Road - *The SCARF review will take place soon. It is unlikely that signage will be installed.* **Clerk to request update**
- Manhole cover on bridge in Station Road – *A section 81 notice has been issued to the Utility Company. The work will be done.*
- 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**
- 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
- 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**
- 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

- Concrete blocks by Langford Road – *Engineering Department are considering wire ropes to hold back any falling stones and remove the blocks. Timing unknown.*
- 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.
- Curb at new school – Confirmed by Ian Sorenson that this will be done

- Resurfacing of School Hill - *scheduled for night closure in early May. Estimated 3 nights. School Hill to Quicke's.*
- Speed restrictions in Station Road - *The SCARF review will take place soon. It is unlikely that signage will be installed.*
- Manhole cover on bridge in Station Road – *A section 81 notice has been issued to the Utility Company. The work will be done.*
- 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.*
- Drain at Sand Down Lane – *best that the PC reports blockages on-line as they occur. Better still to clear it as they occur!!* It was noted that this was on the handyman list to clear on a regular basis
- Request for a School sign in Station Road and possible zig-zag lines outside the school – *request passed to Traffic Team*
- Drains at Five Elms Lane – *work anticipated to be done by December.*

March 2019

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

- 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.*
- 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.*
- Curb at new school – *Confirmed by Ian Sorenson that this will be done*
- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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.*
- Moving school flashing signs further down A377 – *no date agreed for work to take place*
- Cement pile on A377 - *The repair of the location affected by the cement will be incorporated into the resurfacing works on School Hill*
- 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.*