MEETING BETWEEN HCC HIGHWAYS, WINCHFIELD & DOGMERSFIELD PCs MONDAY 12 JULY 2021 @ 1300 MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS DUE TO GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON SOCIAL DISTANCING TO TRY TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Attendance	Apologies	
Keith Thompson, HCC (KT)	lan Janes, HCC (IJ)	
Philip Sheppard, HDC (PS)	Andy Smith, HCC (AS)	
Cllr Meyrick Williams, WPC (MW)		
Cllr Louise Hodgetts, WPC (LH)		
Cllr Sarah Miles, DPC (SM)		
Alison Ball, WPC Clerk (AB)		
Martin Whittaker, DPC Clerk		

In the absence of Cllr Tim Davies from HCC, who was going to take the Chair, the meeting began by discussing the items most relevant to HDC as PS was only able to attend the first part of the meeting due to other commitments:

- 1. <u>SE Water new pipeline:</u> MW confirmed that SE Water had been quite responsive to requests but additional signage was needed with dates of the road closure for Bagwell Lane. PS confirmed that this would fall to Street Co-ordination at HCC who would liaise with the contractors. KT agreed to pass on contact details for this team. SM reported that due to the closure of Bagwell Lane, it had not been possible to obtain the necessary road closure orders for roads in Dogmersfield which were needed to lay new cable for faster broadband. It was advised that this was also an issue that needed to be raised with the Street Co-ordination Team. PS suggested that the parish councils look at the web page one.network as this provided details of all road works and if a sign in was created details of future works were also available. This might help when planning works in the parishes.
- 2. <u>7078640: Trees at Barley Mow Close:</u> MW confirmed that there were a line of trees alongside the pavement at The Hurst adjacent to Barley Mow Close which were in need of attention as there were branches that were overhanging the road and pavement that could come down onto a pedestrian or vehicle. This issue had been raised by a local residents with HCC and work had been carried out on one tree but advice had been received from the Arboricultural Inspector at HCC that some of the younger trees were the responsibility of HCC but the older trees were likely part of a boundary feature and not part of the highway and therefore not HCCs responsibility. MW asked where he would be able to get clarification on this as it seemed like an unusual distinction to make and if HCC were not responsible who was. KT suggested that MW go back to the Arboricultural Inspector as he did not have any responsibility for trees. PS confirmed that he did not think this was an issue for HDC but requested that the email exchange be forward to him and he would discuss with relevant colleagues.
- 3. <u>21548948: Parking by canal bridge on Chalky Lane:</u> HCC had passed this to PS to look at. SM confirmed that this was an issue of cars parking on the edge of the carriageway which forced moving traffic into the middle of the road effectively making it a one way bridge. This had often been raised by parishioners as a safety issue. She acknowledged that the parking had been going on for sometime but the number of vehicles had increased in recent months. PS advised that he had used the roll back function on google street view and could see vehicles parked or evidence that they had been parking in this location for at least the last 12 years but he understood that this problem had been exacerbated by recent events relating to Covid-19. It was possible that advisory signage could help in this location but that in order for there to be

regulatory signage that could be enforced this would need to be included in the traffic management work programme which was already full for the next two years. PS advised that he could add this to the work programme for 2023. Consideration would need to be given to what would be appropriate here. A 'no verge parking' restriction would require approximately four to six yellow signs which may be unsightly in this location. SM agreed to look at Totters Lane where similar signage had recently been installed.

- 4. <u>Parking by J&J Motors:</u> this had been an ongoing issue for a long time with cars being parked along the road up to a right hand bend. PS noted that this issue also related to the issue of parking at school drop off and pick up times. It was suggested that this was a big issue and should be subject to a separate discussion involving the Road Safety Team. PS agreed to add Chalky Lane and Chatter Alley to the 2023 work programme and that a separate meeting be held after the Summer on this issue.
- 5. Junction of Pale Lane and Barley Mow: MW confirmed that this needed to be discussed with IJ.
- 6. <u>Flooding on Taplins Farm Lane, Bagwell Lane and Station Road:</u> this was due to be an update for the new Chairman so did not need to be discussed in his absence.
- 7. <u>21475714: Flooding on Old Potbridge Lane:</u> KT confirmed that some cleansing had been done in this location earlier in the year and since then there had not been any reports of flooding. PS advised that there was a new Flooding Officer at HDC.
- 8. Weight restriction sign at the top of Station Road: Despite doing research no one understood why this weight restriction sign should be in this location. It was an advisory only sign and could not be enforced. LH confirmed that she had raised this because she wanted to make a case for a weight restriction on Odiham Road and was trying to find out the criteria for getting this put in. PS confirmed that they were put in for structural reasons such as a weak bridge or a weak road but they could also be for environmental reasons. This signage was not always effective as many HGV drivers used regular satnav rather than HGV specific ones and would not be notified of the weight restriction. Also enforcement would need to be carried out by the police and this was very difficult as it would need to be established that the HGV was not using the road for access to a property. MW advised that the limitations of this signage was accepted but that WPC wanted to look at putting together a case for this. LH would work on this and then arrange a meeting with PS and AS to discuss.

PS and Martin Whittaker left the meeting after this item.

- 9. <u>24209340: Finger posts:</u> MW understood there had been a delay with the new finger post due to staff illness at the company that made the posts. KT was unaware of this and agreed to get an update on timescales.
- 10. <u>7078637</u>: Damaged Winchfield sign on B3016: This had been reported to HCC who had inspected the sign and because it would not fall into the carriageway it would not be repaired at this time. It would be added to the list of repairs and should be done this financial year. Updates could be requested by emailing the enquiry centre quoting the reference number.

SM thanked KT for his help, advising that some progress was being made. KT requested that all issues be reported online or via the 0300 telephone number so that they could be allocated a reference number and forwarded to the right people.

Date of the next meeting: TBC