

## Meeting with John Dean, Nick Gillon and Steve Tucker 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 - with responses

### Items with no visit needed.

- School Hill footpath
  - This needs mechanical clearing so we can get the full width of the footpath back for safe use.
  - Also winter periods this is very slippery with moss which makes it very hazardous for users being next to A377
  - ST informed us although the path is not a 'safety defect' there is new funding that has been made available that should allow him to authorise ploughing and clearing of the footpath as part of a larger project of clearing other sections of the A377. Once this mechanical clearing has been done, local volunteers can ensure it stays in a clean and safe condition. **ST to action.**
- Kingfisher Close
  - Previously reported as adopted by DCC but not on public portal and we are getting kickback on anything reported here as a private road
  - It seems that the final agreement has taken longer than expected, but on checking ST could confirm the signing over of the Close was done 2 weeks ago. It may be a few more weeks before this shows up on the public portal at DCC website.
- Marsh Lane road subsiding into Brook
  - Been reported before – what to do?
  - Keep reporting it, if considered unsafe. Each time it is reported, an inspection team would be dispatched to check out the subsidence and consideration given to any work needed. **Local action to report when necessary.**

### Items for visit/solutions

- Beer Engine/Creedy view bank slump assessment
  - Can see brickwork in the bank?
  - The earth that had slumped into the road had been cleared up by Highways. There was evidence of sewage leaking from the bank, and the sight of the brickwork structure would suggest that there is some breach of the sewer network. **LOCAL ACTION TO REPORT TO SWW.**
- Pines Lane
  - Collapse of bank and flooding down through Pines land – any solutions here? LO Roger Burt has been met and issues discussed
  - Environmental Group/PC have re-planted hedge line here
  - The site here is vulnerable to collapse during heavy rain where the concentration and amount of water flows through the bank. The planting of the new hedge will help. Discussions with the land owner should consider some form of 'contour ploughing' to help slow down any surface water, and/or encourage the water to flow to another location. Good practice examples can be shared – **ST to supply. Local action to discuss with LO.**
- Lower Living drainage blocking – ongoing
  - Had discussions with James Aire (Mill Ash Farm workshops) regarding open pipes draining into system and blocking network further down – new grate now in place!
  - Can we get a grate fitted on the main drain?
  - Investigative dig complete on 15/2 with Mike (Lower Living) with his digger to find out no other gulleys or inspections pits??
  - 'Trash Screen' has been fitted by James Aire, which will hopefully reduce flooding events/blockages further down the system. ST said Highways should repair the broken chamber if it was reported and could also then fit a Trash Screen on the chamber. **Local action to report issue.**

- Rew Cross flooding
  - Had discussions with Will Aire (land owner chicken sheds) about amount of water being let off land. Can a ditch be dug in the field to slow down the amount of water and also guide the run off into the pond further down the road?
  - Drainage network here not able to be maintained because of the long lengths of pipes and no inspection/rodding points. Discussed with Will and he is willing to help with a digger to find them if they are there
  - Are we able to fit a grate on the end of the ditch to stop debris being washed into the network?
  - A small grate was supplied by ST to fit to the open ditch which is contributing to blocking the system. **Local action to fit properly.** ST has requested full jetting of the whole system from Newcombes Lane jct through to brook. Awaiting action.
  - Further discussions on the outlet from Will Aire's land. ST's colleague had seen this outlet and has reported this as a new drainage outlet and Highways may contact the LO to discuss further as normally permissions should be sought before this happened. Discussions around whether this outlet could be further diverted by pipes further down the hill towards the natural pond in the corner of the field. **Local action to discuss further with LO.**
- Newcombes Lane
  - Road surface very poor and needs improving – what can we do here?
  - Water running off the road goes to a private drain. Is there anything we can do here to support the LO? Fitting an appropriate grate?
  - Inspection of the Highways system revealed that there were Easements that had been 'archived' for reasons unknown since 2019. ST to reinstate these Easements and get them back on to the maintenance programme – which is once per year. **ST to action.** ST also said that Newcombes Lane should be added to the ploughing list, so that the full width of the road could be recovered to aid water run off from the road. **ST to action.**
- Norton Cottages flooding from field.
  - Parish Council discussed/suggested improvements but they haven't worked. Other solutions?
  - Discussions around digging of ditches/attenuation ponds to slow the outlet of water from the field entrance would help significantly. Contour Ploughing? **Local action to speak further with LO.**
- Winscott Lane flooding/road condition
  - The pipes here are very long but look only 4" diameter. Been working with LO Richard Browne it trying to clear this flood. Many vehicles getting stuck here.
  - Can this be jetted to help longer term? Any other improvements?
  - The road is awful along here. Much improved now the entrance has been done, but further up the road towards Winscott Cross is breaking up, and particularly inconvenient for residents living close by
  - ST confirmed that a jetter had been requested to clear the pipework, so that should happen at some stage. Discussions around the run off from the higher field on the other side of the road significantly contributes towards the amount of run off on to the road that eventually overwhelms the system. **Local discussions with LO to be actioned** to suggest 'contour ploughing' to help, and possibly a ditch alongside the hedge may help.