

WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE – 9TH JANUARY 2024

139.

LCC'S HIGHWAYS REPORT IT SYSTEM

Members discussed LCC's Highway's Report It system, their response to reports and the specific condition of Waterloo Road at Kelbrook and Moor Lane, Salterforth, both of which had been resurfaced within the last 15 years or so but were deteriorating badly. It was pointed out that this sort of repair should last for many more years and not be failing in such a short period of time.

A number of potholes on main roads that met the criteria for remedial work, had been reported on the system but not been dealt with in accordance within the required timescale. These could cause damage to vehicles but posed a more serious risk of accidents for people on bikes or motorbikes. A highway gully at the top of Stoneybank Road, reported as being blocked on the system several times, was still blocked. It was thought that LCC might have visited the road lower down.

Following the recent bad weather Members reported a number of problems on the highway which required attention.

A separate surface water issue was mentioned in the Gillians Lane area of Barnoldswick which had caused the flooding of properties at the bottom of the Lane. The Engineering Team had been considering changes to the trash screen so that it could cope better with the amount of surface water and debris.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Engineering Manager be asked to contact LCC Highways to –
 - (a) Highlight that their Report It system was not working effectively with issues not being dealt with in a timely manner and that status updates were sometimes inaccurate;
 - (b) Request that the various high priority potholes reported on the system be dealt with in the timescale required in LCC's policies;
 - (c) Request as a matter of urgency the repair of Waterloo Road at Kelbrook and Moor Lane, Salterforth, which were both in a very poor condition despite having been fully resurfaced in recent years;
 - (d) Ask why LCC were not taking action against the use of substandard materials or poor workmanship for resurfacing work done on their behalf which was failing after such short periods of time;
 - (e) Point out that there were a number of roads requiring attention in West Craven including
Holme Close, Arthur Street and Clifton Street in Sough, Greenend Avenue, Water Street, Cemetery Road in Earby, Moor Lane and Salterforth Lane in Salterforth, and Park Road, Colne Road, Moorgate Road, Harper Street, Valley Road, Valley Drive and Meadow Way in Barnoldswick;
 - (f) Ask LCC what their rationale was for prioritising some roads over others which appeared to be in a worse state of repair;
 - (g) Request that the highway drainage at the top of Stoneybank Road (below the bad bend) be improved.

- (h) Request that the following drainage issues on the highway be investigated to avoid any reoccurrence –
- i. Persistent bad flood on the bend at Sough in between Sough Bridge and the junction of Church Lane, Kelbrook where the drain was not taking any water. This was spilling over both sides of the road and onto the pavement. (A local company, Geophysical had offered to do an investigation report at cost if LCC wanted to take this offer up.)
 - ii. Single gulley on Brogden Lane being inadequate to remove the volume of water (possibly compounded by work on the development of bungalows on the lower side of the road raising the level of the land downstream of the highway drain).
 - iii. On Greenberfield Lane there was a problem with flood water collecting adjacent to the attenuation pond on land owned by Rolls Royce which was flowing onto Greenberfield Lane.
 - iv. Flooding on Manchester Road close to the junction with Gillians Lane which was compounded by problems further up Manchester Road near the junction of Letcliffe Lane.
- (2) That the Engineering Manager be asked to see what action was being taken to deal with the maintenance/improvement of trash screens in the area, including the one at Gillians Lane which was regularly blocked.