

## **MAY 2023 UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Since my last report in April 2023, I have made one further report about Highway issues to KCC. This means the grand total is now 114. This was for an illegal sign that appear on the verge at Hearts Delight asking for drivers to slow down, a similar sign was also placed in Borden Lane at the entrance to the Parish.

107 of the 114 have now been dealt either in a satisfactory manner or with a satisfactory explanation. , 7 including the three problems from March, see below, are still outstanding.

A Pothole in Pond Farm Road near the Church

Illegal highway signs in Wises Lane near Orchard Cottages.

Bend sign bent in School Lane

The 30mph signs in Pond Farm Road just as you enter the village, obscured by vegetation and the 30mph sign on the road worn out are awaiting the spring weather for improvements. Other works still to be completed include the white line renewals in Pond Farm Road, and Oad Street.

As a result of my reporting worn out road markings the white lines down Borden Lane have recently been renewed including the centre line markings hopefully it will slow the traffic down.

### **M2/Junction 5 Stockbury roundabout improvements**

Information about road closures and diversions continues to be supplied by Grahams and are displayed by the Clerk on our various social media pages. The main contact point has changed yet again and it is now Harry Knapp whose email address is Harry.Knapp@graham.co.uk

It is understood from Graham's that the draft of the risk assessment has been completed and they are starting consultation with Kent County Council and the maintenance providers in the next couple of weeks but not the Police. Once all parties are in agreement, then they have said they will be happy to discuss with the Parish Council but say this will not be until late June. It is sad to note that the Parish Council has not been consulted during this assessment process.

The junction of these roads to the Stockbury roundabout has now been closed permanently and the new access via Oad Street is being constructed and due to open in late June.

As mentioned in earlier reports with regard to the missing link at Oad Street it is understood that the lack of improvements at this point will be considered as part of the Safety Risk Assessment mentioned above.

### **KCC Highways Service**

At the January 2023 meeting it was resolved that the Clerk writes to County Cllr Baldock outlining the originally approved 20mph scheme and that the Parish Council have had funds available in budget to implement this. As mentioned in previous reports this letter has been written and copies were circulated along with the reply from KCC.

### **Waiting restrictions in The Street, Borden.**

I have still not heard from KCC Highways with regard to any comments from the their Planning and Advice team. The scheme was passed to them for assessment.

### **Key Street Roundabout Improvements**

I have heard nothing further about this scheme.

### **Speedwatch**

The new Co-ordinator continues to contact volunteers in an attempt to find resources to carry out the speed checks and hopes to start speed checks very shortly.

John Fassenfelt May 2023.