

Highways and Public Rights of Way Monthly Report to Parish Council

Period	28 th May to 26 th June 2020
Meetings Held 22 nd June – HPROW Working group meeting by Zoom Attendees: John Smart (chair), Helen Barker, Martin Firman, Liam Kearns	
A40 Improvement Plan	I was decided that Nick be asked to write to Mark Hadley requesting a response to his email 6 th June and referring to the outstanding matters including the proposed dates for the work. <u>Action: JS</u>
Speed Indicator Device (SID)	During the May deployment period at the western site, the SID failed after 17 days. WUPPC had written to BBLP on 6 th June, stating that the council will only pay any future invoice for SID deployments which provide a minimum of 26 days continuous data. It was decided not to object to BBLP proceeding with the July deployment and to contact Joe Grice by telephone for a high-level discussion on their technical issues with the SIDs. <u>Action: JS</u>
Street Name Signs	Having considered the sites for wall-mounted signs it was decided to ask Nick to write to the three landowners requesting their permission. Action JS A further request would then be submitted to Terry Griffiths for quotation for supply and install with options for wall mounting. No information had been received from HC on the formal name for “The Streete”. It was decided to use the website and the Weston News to invite residents to submit any views and historical knowledge on the name on this road. <u>Action: JS/LK.</u>
Highways Work for Lengthsman	Whilst the work undertaken by TGC has been greatly appreciated it decided that more information on TGC’s intended work should be available in advance. <u>Action: TP.</u> To provide the residents with an understanding of the Lengthsman’s role, it was decided that a monthly summary of work completed by TGC be published on the website and Weston News. <u>Action: JS/TP</u>
BBLP Highways Actions	1. Nick has requested a response to his email of 26th May to BBLP asking for a timescale for completion of the “siding back” work, where three areas are still outstanding from 2019. 2. Nick has requested a response to his email of 26th May to BBLP requesting them to action maintenance on highway drains at 9 locations reported to the PC by TGC. Only one item has been responded to by BBLP and accepted as a defect for their attention (the table of items is appended below for reference). 3. There is a small collapse in the road C1275 road near Parkfields. Warning signs have been set up, but it was decided to ask Nick to write to BBLP requesting a programme for repair of the defect. <u>Action: JS.</u>
Dog Poo Signs	The sign erected by WUPPC on upper Church Lane had been removed by persons unknown. It was decided to obtain prices for more robust signs using the same imagery. <u>Action: HB.</u>
Flooding at Porch Cottages	Terry advised that three gullies are blocked, causing frequent substantial flooding and mud on the road outside the entrance to Porch Cottages. It was understood that Herefordshire Housing are responsible for the three gullies and it was decided to ask Nick to write to them Requesting that the faults to be rectified. <u>Action: JS/TP</u>
PROW Actions by BBLP	1. WP22 – Blocked by polytunnels. Action with BBLP. 2. WP4 – Fence obstruction and unapproved stile. Action with BBLP.

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	3. WP31 – Footpath not detected. Action with BBLP. 4. WP2 – Steps and bridge to be replaced. Action with BBLP since 8th July 2019.
PROW Landowner matters	1. WP4 - A Pontshill resident has reported that the path has not been reinstated through the crop. It was decided to make a request to the landowner to reinstate the footpath. <u>Action: JS.</u> 2. WP11 - A large steel irrigation pipeline had been laid along the centre over a long section of this foot path, causing an obstruction. Following the PFO's request to Cobrey Farms, they had acknowledged this mistake and removed it. 3. WP26 – Footpath inaccessible due to field gate being padlocked by tenant. Cobrey Farms has advised that the tenant wishes to install a stile alongside the gate. It was decided to seek the advice of BBLP. <u>Action: JS.</u> 4. RR6 – Lawns Farm has verbally reported serious issues with people trespassing in the field around Penyard Castle. Advisory signs had already been erected by the PFO on the public right of way and it was considered that, whilst supporting the landowner, it is not in their power to take any further action.
PROW work for Lengthsman	Having recently complete substantial clearance of vegetation on footpaths, no further work is expected to be required by TGC until later in the summer.
WUPPC Footpaths Improvement Plan	Gate supplier Centrewire has recommenced gate manufacture. Delivery dates are being discussed with TGC. Other stiles are being considered for replacement with gates.
Other activity during reporting period	
SIDs	Telephone conversation JS with Joe Grice BBLP 24th June 2020 The short battery life seems to be the only technical issue they have with their 6 devices. All devices were checked and calibrated by the manufacturer at the beginning of this year. BBLP were routinely changing out all batteries after two weeks deployment. Because this was not providing the required 26 days, they started replacing them every 10 days, this being the case for our failed May deployment. They have now changed to a replacement period of 7 days and intend to deploy a device at Weston on that basis for July Joe confirmed that battery life is less where traffic volumes are higher, and they consider WuP to be one of those locations. Joe also confirmed that the devices are set to record the correct speed and it is likely that vehicles do not always display the correct speed on their speedometers.
PROW at Penyard House	WP25 - A report has been received about a broken stile at the rear of Penyard House. Site meeting held with their Facilities Manager to discuss possible new gate. PFO to write to Penyard House. Action: JS.
A40 Improvement Plan	Response received from Mark Hadley BBLP 25th June 2020. In summary the proposed A40 works in Weston are to be scheduled for delivery in October.to coincide with a planned closure in Lea where flood alleviation works are to be undertaken. Mark Hadley has explained why the eastern gateway cannot have a build-out feature similar to Pembridge.

Actions Arising from Work Completed by Lengthsman TGC

No. and Location	Work Completed		Action	Status
	Date	Description		
WUPPC 001. U70205. Church Lane At junction with A40.		3 gullies in this area are not draining. Action-BBLP have them marked up but judging by the aged look of the white marker spray the job has been around a long time.	Request BBLP to clear gullies and drains	
WUPPC 002. U70208. School Lane Near village school.		We jetted from both chambers in the footway but failed to get through. The camera survey shows a complete break in the pipe possibly caused by when an adjacent services trench was excavated. The area of the break has been marked on the footway.	Request BBLP to investigate and carry out any remedial work	18 th June. Accepted by BBLP as a defect for remedial work by BBLP. No date.
WUPPC 003. C1275. Bill Mills road Pontshill village sign from Walford direction.		The connecting pipes for the road gullies need jetting and clearing.	Request BBLP to clear gullies and drains	
WUPPC 004. C1275. Bill Mills road Frogmore Area.		We located the first section of the drainage system in the area -3 road gullies, two chamber and the outfall pipe for that system in adjacent scrub land. These were all cleared and partially flushed through with water we had left in the jetter.	Request BBLP to carry out flush jetting and excavation of a short length of ditch to allow water to flow into a watercourse.	
WUPPC 005. U70207. Rectory Lane At junction with A40.		The road gully was cleared but we were unable to get it to drain.	Request BBLP to clear gullies and drains	
WUPPC 006. U70210. Bury Hill Lane. Midway along the road.		A short stretch of ditch at a low area of the road needs clearing a allow water to drain of the road.	Request BBLP to clear a short stretch of ditch at a low area of the road to allow water to drain off the road.	
WUPPC 006B. C1283. Bollitree to Kingstone Kingstone		The road gullies on the approach road from Weston have been cleared and are running with the exception of one near Kingstone Barns.	Request BBLP to clear gully, chambers and drains near Kingstone Barns	
WUPPC 007. C1280. Springetts - Bromsash Near A40 junction.		The ditch on the nearside of the road needs clearing to the gully headwall. Also, the road gulley needs jetting when we find the chamber on the opposite side of the road.	Request BBLP to contact Riparian Owner and arrange for ditch to be cleared.	
WUPPC 008. C1280. Springetts - Bromsash Penyard View Area.		Roadside ditch opposite the property needs clearing between the headwalls.	Request BBLP to contact Riparian Owner and arrange for ditch to be cleared.	