

### Minutes of the virtual Highways meeting of Upwell Parish Council, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 10.30am

**Those Present:** Cllr. Williams, Cllr. Lester, Cllr. Lowe, Cllr. Mercer, Cllr. Aston, Cllr. Gooch

Clerk M Hilton, Jason Moore Area Manager West (Highways)

**Apologies :** Cllr Melton, Cllr K. Harrison, Cllr A. Harrison, Cllr Rose, Cllr Shorting

### MINUTES

Councillor Williams chaired the meeting.

**Last minute addition:** from Cllr Shorting. Upwell Playing Field hedge requires a hedge planted at the bottom of the field which backs onto the new passing place. Cllr Shorting has been awaiting a response for 17 months. Jason Moore said their current contractors (CGM) have not been performing well and they are contacting a new contractor to complete the work. Cllr Shorting did say she would get a quote for this this, Jason responding in saying they use their own contractors so this would be a waste of her time.

#### 1. Update regarding Tointons/A1101:

Jason informed Council that white lines are not completed in the winter months due to the salt/grit laid on the roads. The order has now been issued (beginning of April) to complete this. The contractors have 12 weeks in which to complete the works. Also, the writing on the road should be completed at the same time.

New Rd/ Tointons Road junction, the hedging issue continues. Jason had not received the email from Cllr Lowe as this was sent to Andy Wallace. The curves of the road are steep here and larger vehicles have to cross the lines to get round the hedges. Cllr Lowe reported another vehicle has hit her brick wall. Cllr Lowe said the cones and beacons are still there for another accident where the vehicle went into the ditch at the property of Richard Goodger (next bend from Tointons going towards Three Holes). There have been 3 accidents here since our last meeting with Highways in October 2020, and several near misses. Jason will liaise with Andy to go onto the next stage of get these hedges cut and the cost will be passed to the home/land owners. If the hedges are too high but clearly on the owner's land this may be a planning issues rather than highways. In Cllr Lowes email to Andy, she sent details of height and width of hedging relative to a highway ([https://www.gardeningdata.co.uk/shrubs/hedges\\_and\\_roads/hedge\\_trim\\_highway.php](https://www.gardeningdata.co.uk/shrubs/hedges_and_roads/hedge_trim_highway.php)). Clerk has asked Andy more than once for the boundary maps, Jason will chase this up and get them sent to the Clerk. Cllr Lowe asked about the white lines at the edge of the road significance. Jason responded that these show the edge of the carriageway for nighttime divers. Highways own the road about half a metre back from the roadside, this will be shown on the boundaries maps when received.

In October's meeting a sign was discussed to say that vehicles will be in the middle of the road Jason will ask Andy regarding this.



Tointons residents cross the road at their own peril due to the bend. Jason said there was no funding to realign the road.

Number 76 New Rd fencing is believed to have taken more of the verge than they should have the boundary maps when received should help confirm this. Jason also said he would look at this issue.

**2. Upwell School, road safety:**

The parked cars and traffic concerns were brought up in a complaint by the Head Mistress. This complaint has been sent to Jason, although he does not believe there is anything that can be done.

**3. Back Rd to Croft Rd Trod:**

A quote has been received from Andy. The Council are considering applying for a PPS grant. There is some tarmac there from an old trod under the verge. This should not cause an issue for a new trod though.

**4. Riverbank slippage Town Street:**

Jason reported that the work has been issued for the re-curbng of this site, he will ask Andy to give Council an update.

**5. Town St road repairs:**

Jason reported the marked areas will be resurfaced using binding and stone. The other areas of concern need significantly more work to repair them. An inspector will be sent out to look at the repairs required.

**6. KJ Curson Farms sign:**

Jason will get this turned round the right way.

**7. Footpath Main Rd Three Holes:**

Cllr Lowe asked if this will also be completed in the current works happening on the other side of the road. Jason reported that yes, this would be encompassed with the current works. Jason will update Council on this.

**To confirm the date of the next meeting –**

Clerk to diary for October 2021

**The meeting closed at 11.15am.**

**Signed by the Chairman .....** **Date .....**