

Betchworth Parish Council – Highways Report April 2024

----Police Speed Monitoring In Village

Following our request for formal Police presence on occasions to supplement Speedwatch we have been contacted by the Officer responsible who will endeavour to support our concern on the recommended locations with the exception of The Street. That hopefully with additional warning signage will assist in speed reduction. Frequent repeater signs were agreed as indicated canals so influence speed control.

----Speedwatch

Activity over the winter period has been limited & Coordinator has been approached to encourage greater participation & frequency of session attendance by volunteers.

----Pebblehill Verge Damage & Drainage

As large vehicles reversing into Something Special site have problem of turning due to gate entry restricting access, the verges on opposite side have been badly damaged resulting in mud on footpath. The bollards paid for by Parish Council were not installed where any benefit in reducing traversing of verge would arise due to drop kerb historically giving access to field behind, so were not effective. Further investigation to be made as to need to retain crossing.

In view of the serious problem, a site meeting was held with Highways Engineer, Cllr Clack, District Cllr Budd, Parish Council representatives & Pebblehill Residents Group. Steel bollards were requested to avoid verge damage but declined in view of injury if collision occurred. Temporary barriers also requested as interim measure. Improved access into warehouse site to be researched by Highways Engineer.

The long standing lack of maintenance to the culvert & road drainage was finally addressed by Highways & outstanding road cleaning by MVDC. The outstanding drainage work has been prompted by action taken by Cllr Clack. The culvert is now clear, drains cleared & restored with exception of one section which is found to have no connection to the drainage discharge

network & needs rebuilding as next phase. In the meantime, unfortunately some ponding remains in this location.

----Alternative Bus Route for Train Service Withdrawal

We are working with local residents to make the bus stop location more acceptable & closer to Betchworth Station. The revised proposal is based on using existing bus stops on Station Road & bus routes towards Brockham. To be subject to consultation with Police Safety Team.

---- Betchworth Station- Car Park Proposal By NCP

We have contacted them to ascertain their current status.