**Infrastructure report for PC meeting 1st November 2021 following on from walk round on 6th Oct with John O Brien of CC Highway, Caroline Ilott Peter Tye, and Peter McDonald**

CC Highways

1. Costing pothole filling short term and long term new road surface in as much of Hillfield as possible. Ensure that the road fall at the entrance to Fowlmere Road is corrected instead of installing another storm drain gully. Pavement repairs at the worst places including outside 56 Fowlmere Road. Hedge to be cut back by resident.

Results from discussions at the meeting – The road surfacing done at the mouth of the junction of Hillfield and Fowlmere Road still pools water plus has not been extended to the centre of the junction where there are still potholes.

To look at putting a storm drain gully on the corner which would be cheaper than re-cambering and surfacing the whole junction.

The whole road surface from the junction along Hillfield to roughly outside Nos 10 and 56 needs re-doing. The pavement running Hillfield from the electricity substation along the garden of 56 Fowlmere Road is in a very bad condition. This is the second most damaged piece of pavement in Foxton at this time and needs urgent repair. It is no longer suitable for wheelchairs and children walk in the roadway. URGENT!

1. CC Highways will ask the Footpath officer to inspect the public footpath from Chardle Springs to Newton and the first section from Fowlmere Road up to the wildflower strip as it is all in a very poor state of repair. Passed to Peter Gaskin –Footpath officer at Highways. PT and CI will chase this matter.
2. Trees on verge Fowlmere Road past 30mph sign on right going out of Foxton to be cut back. Quote from Anglia trees awaited and then check if budget left.
3. Repair the section of footpath on Fowlmere Road outside of No 59. This also puddles badly and is causing a danger for children to and from school plus issues for the partially sighted residents of Hillfield. Fowlmere Road footways to be marked up and done from Highways budget. Peter McD and John to look at this stretch to see if it can be incorporated into a wider path suitable for a cycleway –long term. In the short term it can be sided out –(man and van repair).

Can it be included in the footpath ‘slurry’ scheme (which can only be done on footways which are not in too bad a state of repair) to be done on St Laurence Road, Rowlands Close, Caxton Lane and West Hill Road?

1. Trees in the garden of 1 and 2 Illingworth Way overhanging Fowlmere Road and causing sight line problems when driving out of Illingworth Way onto Fowlmere

Anglian Trees have done cut back work but not of a satisfactory standard. John O B to call them back to re do the work plus remove dead branches lying on the verge. Ensure that the sight line on BOTH sides of Illingworth Way/Fowlmere Road junction are dealt with! Overhanging tree branches outside 1 Illingworth Way side to be cut back. Work now done.

Now waiting for the Highways legal dept to sort out the issue of strips of ‘no-man’s land’ on both sides. Work now done. Clerk has details.

1. Potholes on Barons Lane done but tree root covering not done as yet. To be done under ‘slurry’ scheme as per item 3.
2. Repair pavement in front of numbers 77 to 81 High Street where dropped kerbs are nearly flat and water pools badly on pavement. This has been an issue for the last 2 years! Children walk into the carriageway to avoid the very large puddles! An accident waiting to happen. Subject of residents’ complaint Sept 21 – run off water reached the garage of No 79 and has gone through the car port on previous occasions. The resident has to put items in his garage on a high level.

A new storm drain/gully to be installed on the corner of Mortimers Lane to catch water coming down Fowlmere Road. The storm drain outside No 79 to be cleared, the drain to be flushed and a camera put down to check for damage. This is part of the ‘Common Stream’ storm drain system which runs down Mortimers Lane and outfalls into the moat at Mortimers Farm. This outfall is working but the volume of storm water is too much for the current road drains –especially if they are blocked/damaged.

This pavement repair from Nos 77 to 81 is No1 on the list of urgent repairs! It is on a road bend and is an ever increasing danger for children and other pedestrians who have to walk in the middle of the road when this stretch floods. This item is Number 1 on the pavement repair list!

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1. Organise leaf clearing and storm drain flushing for Fowlmere Road and Station Road. SCDC have been asked to do this.

To be checked

1. Drains outside 47 High St – road outside here and White Horse flooded again after recent heavy rains. Need for storm drains to be cleared?
2. High St along by 18 and further – many dips which collect rainwater –damaged kerbs etc. after work by Cambs Water replacing water mains.

Items 10 and 11 both relate to the problem of the road patches done after the recent replacement of the water main by Cambridge Water. The road surface has subsided which is creating much more pooling all along the High Street kerb sides –more dips etc. Particularly bad outside the village shop and pub and at 18 High St but the whole run from The Green to No 52 is bad.

1. The Green –storm drain.

Skanska –or Milestone as they are now called – have finally inspected the drain on the public roadway outside No 2 The Green which floods badly every winter. It was established that the drain goes a few feet towards the walnut tree on the corner and then stops –hence flooding. John O Brien agreed that this cannot be channelled into the old ‘Common Stream’ ditch running along Nos 1 and 2, as there is no outfall. Storm water would gather and soak into the foundations of the 2 listed buildings –not advisable.

The CC Highways drainage specialist has advised installing a soakaway pipe running from the existing drain to the walnut tree.

John O Brien getting costs etc for this work. He will liaise with Mr & Mrs Hastings at 2 The Green to establish where their property boundary lies etc. CI has kept the residents of 1,2 and 4 The Green informed of this work and all are satisfied with outcomes so far.

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1. Badly damaged verge on Shepreth Road near A10 junction (Foxton Bottom). Bad pot holes on edges of carriageway and verge is so churned up by vehicles using it as an illegal layby that the ground is now a quagmire! Work ordered. Now done.
2. Grass verges along Foxton Bottom and Fowlmere Road need cutting back. John O B to chase this. Now done.
3. Barrington Road –
4. cut back tree branches. Issue of whole road surface in very bad state of repair.
5. 40mph speed limit either side of the spur line level crossing.
6. 30mph roundels on lamp posts – why cannot this be done? Happens in other roads/villages the same as this one.

Foxton PC are putting a solar powered MVAS unit for the entrance to the village on Barrington Road into this year’s LHI bid along with better road markings and a gateway.

John OB to look at the road marking if this bid fails (will not know till March 2022).

To look at 30mph roundels on lampposts again plus tree cutting back.

Bad potholes to be urgently repaired. Resident informed that a cyclist was badly injured after his bike hit a pothole and he came off the bike.

Witnessed very bad state of this road with HGVs driving in the centre of the road to avoid bad edges plus very bad camber causing HGVs to list to one side – an accident waiting to happen.

Parish Council

1. Listed pumps at the Green and Mortimers Lane.

Conservation officer suggested contacting a specialist old pump engineering company to see what is needed. Conservation officer has advised that painting and repair to the wooden structure is fine. R&A to price –ask Village Warden.

1. Informed by CC Highways that the re-surfacing of the High Street from Mortimers Lane to the A10 will now not happen until 2022 because of the water mains replacements taking longer than they scheduled. **Highways have been informed that High Street has developed puddles along edges where water board dug up road. Possible ground settling/subsidence issues.** Requested full road check when water board have finished their work in Foxton.