

Report on inspection of roads and pavements, Saturday 1st May 2010

(rev 7 May)

Inspection by Harry Butterworth and Richard Wingfield, Whitchurch Traffic & Pavements Group. Discussed at meeting of group on 6th May and actions shown.

Site (see map)	Problem	Proposed remedy	Body respon- sible	Next action
1	Potholes in surfaces of many roads in village following severe winter. Main areas shown on map by 'x'.	Our group's priority list was sent to CC Dave Sexon 6.4.10. New contractor said to have started on 1 st April. Small amount of patching done in recent weeks.	OCC	PC to pursue (KB to try Brian Short)
2	Thames Water manhole in High Street opposite The Little House has severe settlement adjacent to it, needs urgent repair.	Included in priority list of potholes. Try approach to TW as well.	OCC	KB to try TW
3	Loose granite sett kerbing in various places, especially Swanston Field.	To be repaired before setts are either taken away or cause an accident. Responsibility still to be clarified: OCC or SODC?	OCC or SODC	PC (RW to ask Pearl)
4	Thames Water repair at NW corner of Swanston Field failed to use granite setts, merely placed sloping asphalt as kerb.	Ask TW to remedy (but setts are lost?)	TW	KB to try TW
5	Weed growth along edges of pavements in many locations, especially Swanston Field. In places weeds have developed into woody growth that is damaging the kerbing.	PC to decide who should carry out this essential annual maintenance task. Neither SODC nor OCC accept responsibility. WoTHabs say they can't advise and suggest a specialist contractor.	PC	PC (KB will see if Defra can advise)
6	Leaves uncleared in gutters and on pavements, Swanston Field and Hardwick Road.	Some clearance done 30.4.10 in Hardwick Road.	SODC	No action
7	Speed limit reminder sign obscured by tree branches opposite Hillside.	Cut back branches. This has been done, by KB direct action.	OCC	Done
8	Large puddles and erosion of Hardwick Road verge just east of Muddy Lane, caused by poor drainage and heavy traffic on verge.	Raise ground level of verge to improve condition. Cut a new drainage grip?	OCC	PC to consider (HB)

9	School staff parking area on artificial surface: excessive foundation settlement has ruptured the surface.	Unightly and needs repair.	School	No action
10	Ponding at roadside of Eastfield Lane, opposite Meadow Cottage, caused by deterioration of drainage paths towards field.	About 8 drainage grips and soakaways need maintenance. (Sonning Common Green Gym showed interest but work package was not suitable for them.)	OCC	KB to remind OCC
11	Surface of The Cut (footpath connecting Eastfield Lane with Swanston Field) is very rough and unsuitable for pushchairs or elderly walkers.	OCC South Area Engineer Brian Short says (26/4 email Keith Brooks) this is public footpath "Whitchurch 14" and his responsibility. He has promised to send his inspector.	OCC	Await report from OCC
12	Eastfield Lane grass verge damaged by traffic at Thames Water pumping station and electricity substation where verge is not protected.	Whole area of road and verge is a mess here, following two building projects. Verge needs building up, road surface relaying. Neighbour has recently reinstated his grass verge.	OCC	KB to try TW
13	Virtual pavement markings (white lines) in Eastfield Lane narrows have faded.	Repaint them, but only when road repairs have been done.	OCC	No action yet
14	The Greyhound hedgerow needs trimming back as it narrows the narrowest part of Eastfield Lane.	Trim hedge	Land-owner	PC to ask next landlord
15	Poor condition of heavily used pavement between E Lane and Bridge: (a) Settled area at Prospect House continues to puddle and force pedestrians into road. (b) Rough surfaces at Peach House and Thames Bank have caused falls.	Asphalt repairs	SODC	PC (RW to check with Pearl)
15a	Improvements needed to real and virtual pavement at Ferryboat.	Reconfiguration of raised portion and line?	SODC	PH to assess
16	The Give Way sign at the lower narrows has been missing since an accident in January.	Replacement of bollard and sign urgently needed for traffic and pedestrian safety	OCC	PC to chase (KB/HB)