

## Report on inspection of roads and pavements, Mon 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010

(Reviewed at TAPAG meeting on Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>)

Inspection at 11.30am by Harry Butterworth and Richard Wingfield, Whitchurch Traffic & Pavements Advisory Group. Conditions: fine and dry.

Site	Problem	Proposed remedy	Body responsible	Next action
1	<b>Potholes</b> in surfaces of many roads in village following severe winter.	Most areas have now been repaired since new contractor was appointed in April. Some remaining ones in middle and east end of Eastfield Lane and above upper narrows.	OCC	JS to investigate reporting via independent website.
2	Three <b>manholes</b> need attention above upper narrows in area of many manholes (16). One rocks badly. One has settlement around it and sticks up 5cm. One small circular one lacks a cover.	Two are inscribed Thames Water and the third is probably also theirs. All have been marked with blue paint but in two cases this has faded away.	TW	As above
3	In the upper narrows the <b>vegetation</b> hanging out into the road needs cutting back. Pedestrians are at risk of being squeezed by lorries.	RW showed problem to OCC's Bob Burgess 20.9. Dave Sexon later spoke to him. OCC has written to owner of Royal Oak Cottage 22.9 and 'closed its involvement'. Their highway enquiry ref is 356039.	OCC	RW to pursue
4	Loose granite sett <b>kerbing</b> in various places, especially Swanston Field and Hardwick Road western end.  Note we must avoid being given concrete kerbs!	Needs repair before setts are either taken away or cause an accident. Responsibility <u>still</u> unclear between OCC and SODC but logic suggests OCC as kerb supports road.	OCC or SODC	JS to include in his reporting
5	Thames Water repair at NW corner of Swanston Field failed to use <b>granite setts</b> , merely placed sloping asphalt as kerb. (setts may be lost)	KB asked TW to remedy by letter 10.5. TW replied 3.6 with job ref 14/37GRLK (KB email 8.6).	TW	KB to be asked to follow up
6	<b>Weed growth</b> along edges of pavements in many locations, eg Swanston Field. In places weeds have developed into woody growth that is damaging the kerbing.	PC has accepted taking this over, as SODC and OCC have declined. ST and HB have already done some spraying in The Cut and Upper Narrows. KB has pulled weeds out in various places.	PC	PC to consider getting a quote from a contractor.

7	<b>Leaf clearance</b> , Swanston Field and H Road	OK. Our request was acted on. Not currently a problem.	SODC	<b>Done</b>
8	Speed limit <b>signs obscured</b> by vegetation at village boundary.	OK. Cutting back has been done by KB.	OCC	<b>Done</b>
9	Large <b>puddles</b> 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? If gas pipeline goes nearby the contractor could be asked to help.	OCC	Await pipeline route
10	<b>Ponding</b> at roadside of Eastfield Lane, opposite Meadow Cottage, caused by silting of drainage paths towards field.	About 8 drainage grips and soakaways need maintenance. Lack of drainage here has caused road to deteriorate.	OCC	Perhaps a job for village volunteers – RW to ask ST.
11	<b>Surface of The Cut</b> (footpath connecting Eastfield Lane with Swanston Field) is very rough and unsuitable for pushchairs or elderly walkers.	OCC South Area Engineer Brian Short says (via 26/4 email KB) this is public footpath “Whitchurch 14” and his responsibility. Subsequently logged as Ref 330734. He promised to send his inspector.	OCC	Await report from OCC – JS to follow up.
12	Virtual pavement markings ( <b>white lines</b> ) in Eastfield Lane narrows have faded.	OK. Repainted.	OCC	<b>Done</b>
13	Wells House <b>hedge</b> has grown out into Eastfield Lane.	Ask landowner to trim it.	Land-owner	HB to ask GW.
14	<b>Defective repair</b> in pavement at Prospect House continues to puddle and force pedestrians into road.	This was discussed with OCC staff on site, 14.5. They didn’t think it was a problem (it was dry at the time).	SODC	JS to follow up.
15	<b>Give Way sign</b> at the lower narrows missing since an accident in January.	OK. Bollard and sign were replaced by OCC in September	OCC	<b>Done</b>
16	<b>Hedges</b> in High Street overhanging pavements and affecting pedestrians at Old Lodge, Manor Road and The Little House. Also at The Mount, near H Rd junction.	Owners to be asked to trim back to wall to at least 2m height.	Land-owners	HB to deal with first two. RW to contact Nick Brazil re third.