

Notes of **Strengthening Local Relationships** meeting between  
Battle Town Council (BTC) and East Sussex County Council (ESCC)  
Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 via Teams (hosted by ESCC)

**Present:**

**BTC:** Cllr G Favell (GF)– Chaired  
Cllr M Howell  
Jane de Garston, Assistant Town Clerk (JdG) – Note taker

**ESCC:** Ian Johnson (IJ) Traffic & Safety Manager  
James Kelly (KJ) Highway Steward  
Deborah Dodge (DD) Customer Services Manager

**1. Apologies** – Ruby Brittle, Stakeholder & Engagement Manager, Cllr K Field (KF) County & District Councillor

**Matters from the last meeting:**

- a) Pictures of the bus stop signs remains an outstanding task – JdG to arrange and submit
- b) The flooding at Netherfield is still being investigated
- c) The grit bin map has been received by JdG and will be circulated.
- d) The response regarding the 106 funding remains outstanding and JdG was asked to chase this.

**2. Request for cleaning the road bollard opposite Frederick Thatcher Place**

Recent discussions have highlighted concerns with all the building works and the parking along North Trade Road which have contributed towards the dirt. JK advised he will request the bollard be cleaned. The muddy condition of the footpath was also discussed and DD has sent pictures of the issues to the enforcement team.

**3. Flooding at Telham Junction**

JK confirmed that this has been investigated and the drain cannot be re-engineered. It is only leaves and debris which stop the drain clearing as this does flow well below the top grid. JK clears the top grid when passing if it is covered.

**4. Faded lines on North trade Road, south of recreation ground**

JK agreed to try and push for the lines to be repainted.

**5. Inadequate width of footway on A2100 between access to Netherfield and Virgins Lane**

Works have taken place to cut back the bank and vegetation

**6. Road Signs in Battle cleaned in early June 2022 in time for S&SEiB**

JK advised there are more than 800 signs across the town and it would not be possible to clean them all. Highways can provide 1 days cleaning services. BTC to compile the route and share a list of what needs to be cleaned.

**7. Poor condition of footpath by Senlac vets**

Despite the yellow lines continuing into Mount Street car park entrance the footpath is not the responsibility of East Sussex Highways.

**8. Request for cutting back of overgrowth on A2100 footway**

JK has approached the enforcement team to request properties cut back brambles and vegetation plus a request for the bank to be cut back in to widen the footpath.

**9. Possibility of yellow lines to protect the mouth of Tollgates**

IJ advised any request needs to be made via the standard request form

**10. Flooding at the foot of the steps leading from Mountjoy to Bowmans Drive**

GF reported a local resident has been clearing the path and had added raised blocks as stepping stones but there are now a trip hazard.

JK reported this is unadopted land and is therefore not Highways responsibility and may belong to Optivo. The longer steps onto Bowmans Drive are Highways and are a project to convert them to a ramp in conjunction with BTC.

### **11.Highways Update**

DD reported the following:

- 214 safety defects have been dealt with across vegetation, drains etc.
- The road markings for Powdermill Lane will be completed within the next few weeks
- Road patching is being completed at various locations
- Jet patching is being undertaken with 1 job outstanding in Battle along North Trade Road and Claverham. This may need to be carried out at night but this requires the night time temperature to increase.
- They currently have 27 cases being dealt with

GF thanked Highways for their prompt response and action to her request for the vegetation to be cut along Mountjoy.

### **12.Any Other Business**

MH asked about a sign at Telham Lane advising road closed on 29<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. with no explanation. DD responded she was aware that a road closure had been issued and she would email the details.

GF raised a question regarding a roadworks on Virgins Lane which had not taken place. JK advised no licence had been requested so the road works could not be undertaken.

GF advised the Council's footpath advisor had made a request to the Planning & Transport Committee for the footpath between Harrier Lane and 109G. This is being investigated.

There are also concerns regarding pedestrian safety between Telham Lane and Powdermill Lane the Rights of Way Team are looking at suitable signage.

### **13.Date and time of next meeting to be agreed.**

Cllr Favell thanked the team for their time and assistance as this is likely to be her last meeting as Chairman of Battle Town Council.