



Highways Committee Minutes 01/12/23

Present: Nick Colton (Devon County Council Highways), Cllr Edwards, Cllr Kenny, Cllr Truscott.

Clerk: Anne Towill

1. *Pot Holes*

There was a discussion around money to fill pot holes in the parish and although central government have released some more for this, it will only be enough to deal with the worst of them.

2. *Lengthsman*

There are only two to cover the South Hams and part of West Devon so practically that only means one visit a year for the parish. Nick will make sure they are informed as to any areas that need work for when they visit.

3. *Gulleys*

Nick explained that the gulleys are cleaned yearly in rural areas.

4. *Langdon Court Corner*

There was a discussion around problems around the drainage and overgrowth of vegetation and verges in this area.

Nick will look in to it but if Wembury Parish Council wish to take any action to help the situation re drainage and the overgrowth, then Nick recommended an agricultural contractor to do the work. The council could apply to the Highways Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund for a grant for this work.

It was suggested that a letter from Wembury Parish Council be sent to local landowners who have drains on their land which must be maintained due to riparian obligations. The Clerk will add this to the agenda for council to agree.

5. *Chevron Signs Near Langdon*

There was a discussion around the continuing issues on the corner approaching the Langdon Court junction. There is nothing else that can be done about it as the main cause of crashes there is speeding.

6. *Beach Access Road*

Nick updated the committee as to the situation and explained that it will cost around £200,000 to repair it. There is a way to go before it will be repaired due to discussions around liability and costs.

7. *Drainage at the Mewstone/Church Road Junction.*

There have been some improvements made at this junction to improve drainage.

8. *Speed Monitor*

There was a discussion around the current monitor and possibly updating it. Nick explained that any monitor bought needed to be TOPAS approved, or it wouldn't be legal to use it. There was a discussion around the need for more measures to slow speeds and make it safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders. The Clerk asked the committee to create a plan of what they

would like to see in the parish, that could then be costed and a grant hopefully sourced.

Anne Towill left the meeting.

9. *Vegetation Overgrowth*

It was felt that it was a good idea for the council to issue James with a pre-typed letter and infographic leaflet to be able to give to properties where their vegetation etc contravenes sec 154 of the Highways Act. James to take pictures etc and retain in case of a need to report to Highways.

10. *Traine Road and Sat Nav*

There was a general discussion regarding signage etc. A quote will be sourced from a business at Ermington to supply a sign that could be used at Traine Road. Contact will also be made with Sat Nav companies regarding the removal of Traine Road as route in to Wembury village.

11. *Markings in Carriageway*

Due to Devon County Council policy and the classification the roads of concern being a C Road, there is not a lot that can be done by Devon County Council. If appropriate, Wembury Parish Council could obtain a quotation from QMS etc to have works done.

12. *Devon County Council Budget*

There was a discussion around Devon County Council budgets and that across 7 parishes, Nick has a £230,000 fund for resurfacing. To re do church road only would cost £340,000.

13. *Sewage Works*

It was noted by Cllr Kenny that he has had complaints from the Langdon area residents of large tankers moving through the night to or from SWW sewage works.

14. *Horse Riders* – There has been an increase in horse riders on the road without Hi Viz on and it has been dangerous as this has been at times of diminishing daylight.

15. *Railings at Wembury Riding School* - Nick will be looking into replacement/ repair of these due to service life being reached and defects with the railings.

16. *Next Meeting*

Another meeting will be arranged for Approximately 3 months' time to further discuss issues and get an insight into possible funding streams coming available in the next financial year.



Clerk to the Council
(Minutes created from notes by the Clerk and James Friend)