

BPC Highways Report – January 2024 Meeting

Reporting Highways Issues - Please continue to report highways issues – potholes, flooding, damaged signs, hedge encroachment to Hampshire County Council:

[Report a pothole | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

[Report a flooding or drainage problem | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

Please pass a note of your report, as usual, to the Clerk, who will log them.

A number of issues were raised and reported by Cllr Morton during the months of November 2023 and December 2023 with response as below:

Pothole located along Hundred Lane 100 metres from footpath number F26. This is a deep hole with the potential to cause serious injury to cyclists and horse riders as filled with water therefore difficult to see as a hazard in addition to damage to cars. What 3 Words provided for site location. **Reference 21701625**

Action: This issue is now resolved

HGV using Hundred Lane as an alternative route to level crossing and unable to get under railway bridge at Ampress. Sat nav programme for HGVs not being purchased by companies, many have come from north England so unfamiliar with this area. Dangerous for walkers, horse riders, cyclists and cars when the HGVs become stuck along the lane.

Reference 21701632

And

HGV using Vicars Hill as an alternative route to level crossing and unable to get under railway bridge at Ampress. Sat nav programme for HGVs not being purchased by companies, many have come from north England so unfamiliar with this area. Dangerous for walkers, horse riders, cyclists and cars when the HGVs become stuck on bend at Gilpins.

Reference 21701635

Action: Cllr Morton received a response from HCC Highways 08 January 2024 informing that engineers had visited the site of School Lane and Hundred Lane with the decision taken that new “Unsuitable for HGVs” signs will be installed. This work may take 7-8 weeks (about 2 months) to be completed.

Potential Drain Damage Hundred Lane opposite West Cottage and Mead Cottage contributing to flooding of the two properties in February 2023. Damage caused by erosion of verge and weight of HGVs. **Reference 21701640**

Action: Response received by Cllr Morton stating this issue is being investigated, no timescale to date.

Flooding problems raised by a resident in regard of the drainage on Main Road Portmore, the resident’s home was flooded in late November 2023. The issue described is that the current pipe is in two sections, which allows root growth in the joint and the blockage builds up behind it. The second issue being that the pipe is too small and causes a pinch point in the system. The ditch drained by this pipe is fed by two pipes of the same size, in addition,

the pipe on the Walhampton side of the road is substantially bigger than 300mm and so, the one under the road is a pinch point. **Reference 21709246**

Action: The ditches on either side of Main Road near Keepers Cottage were cleared of debris by residents and the gully on opposite side of the road on Walhampton School land cleared releasing some of the pressure however the fact remains the pipe across the road is a pinch point.

HCC response to the- issue raised is “ the issue you raise has been inspected. The inspection shows the issue raised does not require action at this time.”(sic)

The residents involved in the flooding of Portmore disagree with this response and will be pursuing further by escalating the problem at a later date.

Pothole located Main Road, Portmore reported to HCC Highways by Cllr Morton on 07 January 2024. Reported as a danger on impact for motorcyclists, cyclists and for cars swerving in to middle of road to avoid hole meeting oncoming traffic.

Action: White markings covering the area of pothole and slightly beyond painted on 08 January 2024

Flooding – remained a problem across the parish area – including Royden, Boldre and Rodlease Lanes;; Pilley Street and Portmore. HCC did some work in Boldre Lane but to little effect.

Speeding - A request for the Speed Indicator device to be deployed in Pilley has been submitted

Some Good News:

- Following representations on HGV use of Hundred Lane, HCC wrote to Cllr Morton promising to erect ‘Unsuitable for HGV Signs’ on Hundred Lane / School Lane. This work may take a few weeks to be processed / completed.
- Obstruction blocking the Shallows Footpath has been removed and some clearing of the path has been undertaken
- HCC have indicated that they will be completing the work on Walhampton Hill / Undershore Road from 19 January, this should improve safety for cyclists and comfort for motorists.

Highways Sub Group
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