

PARISH ASSEMBLY APRIL 2022

Chairman's Report.

Good evening everyone and welcome to our 2022 Annual Assembly.

I am terribly sorry that I cannot be present owing to contracting Covid-19 at the weekend, I know that Government regulations have changed, however I would rather play safe and self-isolate.

2021/22 Saw 54 reports made to Cambridgeshire Highways re problems with road surfaces and potholes. We saw Ringers Lane surfaced dressed. However, I keep my thoughts on the results to myself.

With regards to the pavements in Ringers Lane and Perry Road these are scheduled for resurfacing in the 2022/23 financial year.

The traffic calming on Leverington Common has had to be cancelled owing to delays caused by Covid-19, this has accounted for nearly doubling the cost.

As such we will be getting a reduction in the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph between Mays Lane and Waverley Gardens. All of the legal work has been completed which means that implementation should take place in the near future.

As part of this year's application for Local Highways Improvement Scheme and taking into account that construction work has commenced on the 221 houses on A1101(Sutton Road), the Council has applied for another reduction in Speed Limit.

This is from Parson Drove Lane to just West of Harecroft Road and also to include the 40mph piece from Traffic Lights to the start of the 30mph limit in Dowgate Road. We are requesting it is 30mph for the entire distance. A presentation was made to the Panel a few weeks ago and we are hoping for a positive outcome before the end of April.

We saw some remedial work carried out by means of repairs and repainting (which is still awaiting completion) at Church Road playground, although we had to remove the large multiplay as it was considered to be beyond economic repair owing to the mounting timbers which were underground had started to rot.

A new multiplay is scheduled to be put in place once the Sports and Social Club have installed the 3G surface.

The Foal Ground saw the addition of a Zip Wire which seems to be getting a lot of use.

Problems have again occurred with motor vehicles and motorcycles using Roman Bank for off roading purposes.

The County Council did install a kissing gate at the end of the footpath which leads to Roman Bank from next to the School to prevent motorcycle access and I gather that Proctor Farms who look after Roman Bank for Heritage England are proposing to add more security features.

Things are now hopefully slowly getting back to normal and regular Parish Council Meetings will be held.

On that note during the last year we have seen two Councillors, Mrs.S. Barton and Mr.R. Kidger leave. May I thank them both for their services to the Council.

That of course leaves us with two vacancies which we would like to fill so if you are 18 or over and interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact either The Clerk, Myself or any Councillor for an informal discussion.

Stay safe
Jim Downes