

HADLOW DOWN PC – COUNCILLOR UPDATES FOR MTG 3rd NOVEMBER 2020

Sally Blyfield

Tree Update

I have received the following clarification of procedures for felling and maintenance of trees on private land from the Tree & Landscape Officer at WDCC.

Trees on Private Land

Trees on private land are the responsibility of the landowner from where the trees grow and disputes involving the same are private law matters. Landowners have a duty of care to ensure that their trees do not pose a foreseeable risk to people or property but there are no statutory regulations as to tree size, height or spread. If you believe the tree could pose a risk to road/footpath users, it should be reported to ESCC Highways, who will send a steward to have a look, and if necessary they can serve a notice of the land owner.

If your neighbour's tree or hedge is dangerous and is a hazard to your property then there is action that can usually be taken. In this situation you should contact an arboricultural consultant for further advice.

Felling of trees

If a tree is in a conservation area you have to give 6 weeks prior written notice to the LPA (Local Planning Authority) of any proposed work, this gives the LPA an opportunity to consider a TPO. Notice does not need to be given if a tree is less than 7.5cms in diameter (or 10 cms if thinning to help growth of other trees), measured 1.5 meters above the ground.

Peter Weston

The past few weeks of poor weather have once again exposed the many problems with culverts and drains in the area. The more severe of these have been reported to ESCC, some drains have been cleared and others are scheduled. The poor quality of repairs to pot holes continues to be of grave concern, and has been the subject of numerous reports. However, as yet there appears to be no prospect of a change of strategy by ESCC. A prime example of the folly of the ESCC 'patching' strategy is the drain cover on the eastbound side of the A272 that has once again disintegrated to a dangerous degree.

Work on the installation of a SID (Speed Indicator Display) has continued with a focus on the support poles that will be required at the two initial locations. Robin Hayward (East Sussex Highways) has continued to provide valuable advice which will be reported to the Parish Council under a separate agenda item.

Julian Michaelson-Yeates

- (1) Drafted the PC response in reference to the WD/2020/1605/MAJ planning application.
- (2) Met with the site manager at Marlowe House 30/10/20 to discuss parking on the pavements and double yellow lines in School Lane. Contractors will be parking in the grounds of Marlow House from w/c 02/11/20.

Rachel Lewis

HDCC -no meetings held and therefore no update to report.

HDVH- no update on this at present. TN22 are back but now lockdown returns will depend on what the hall does.