

HADLOW DOWN PC – COUNCILLOR UPDATES FOR MTG 2nd FEBRUARY 2021

Peter Weston

Local roads continue to be a focus of my work (i.e. monitoring, responding to matters raised by local residents and reporting to ESCC). Many of the issues that have been raised were discussed at the Strengthening Local Relations meeting held on 21st January 2021 – minutes will be made available ASAP. Unfortunately, due to unstable Wi-Fi, I was unable to join the meeting other than for a few fleeting moments – I apologise for any problems this has caused.

East Sussex CC has carried out remedial work on some of the problems reported, but the general state of our roads and lanes remains of grave concern.

Work has continued on the installation of a SID (Speed Indicator Display); the proposed sites have now been inspected by 'Traffic and Safety' (report received 26th January 2021) – two issues have been raised in the report and these are being addressed. It is hoped that work on installation can progress within the next few weeks.

I attended a virtual meeting of GACC on 28th January (Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign) – details can be found at www.gacc.org.uk.

A further inspection of the drainage problem at St Marks Church has been carried out. The drains that run along the path on the south side of the Church from the double to single iron gates onto the A272 appear to be functioning well. However, there are no drains on the short section of path to the iron gate into the separate graveyard to the west of the Church nor are there any drains on the path surrounding this graveyard. A recent major water main leak coupled with the prolonged wet period have exacerbated the waterlogged nature of the grounds. Consideration of this matter is 'on-going'.

Rachel Lewis

1. Village Hall remains closed.
2. A discussion with B Lake about Hadlow Down Community Centre 27 01 2021:
 - Still an active and enthusiastic organisation despite Covid
 - Funds very low with only £3k in reserve
 - Sports England only supporting Covid sporting initiatives currently
 - Funding difficult elsewhere due to Covid funding priorities
 - Newsletter will come out shortly
 - Information put on the Parish website
 - Seeking extended Planning permission (6 months WDC extensions) which will mean 3.5 years remaining