

## Highways Report February 2023

There is very little to report this month as there has been little activity as far as road repairs are concerned.

I am told by both John Nicholson and Andy Barron that any substantial work outstanding will have to wait until the new financial year.

As far as the items listed in my January report are concerned the following comments apply:-

**A303 Slip Roads** - I have made contact with South Cadbury PC to enlist their support in putting pressure on SCC to carry out some resurfacing and their clerk tells me that it will be on the agenda for their March meeting and she will let me know the outcome,

**Parish Hill Drainage** - I have been in contact with Rory Montgomery about this on going problem and he is concerned, not only for the road safety aspect but also for the fact that overflowing water is flooding his field at the foot of the hill and likely to cause loss of crops. Rory has provided me with a letter indicating that he may need to take some legal action against the council if this matter is not resolved. I have passed this letter on to John Nicholson but have yet to receive a response.

**Possible Gritting Facility** - we are in the process of ordering a grit box and I will then arrange for grit to be supplied by SCC.

**Signage** - At our last meeting we discussed the damage done to warning signs close to the Three Ashes bend on the A359 and it was suggested that in view of the fact that SCC are short of funds to carry out this work perhaps the work could be funded by the Parish Council. I passed on this suggestion to Andy Barron who replied saying that he did not see this as a Parish Council responsibility and had passed the matter to a local team at South Somerset District Council who apparently have agreed to undertake the work immediately. As yet no repairs have been made !!

**Bus Stop on A359** - In last month's report I mentioned the possibility of diverting the bus route through Galhampton as it had been mentioned to me by local residents and John Nicholson. I am aware that there is opposition from some residents in Middle Street so I left the matter in the hands of the Galhampton councillors to enter into a meaning full discussion with all residents in order to establish a way forward, if any.

**Potholes** - Despite lack of funds it is evident the potholes are being repaired although it seems to be taking longer than in previous months. A series of holes along Sandbrook Lane have been filled this week. The online reporting procedure is quite straight forward on the SSDC website.

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