

# North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council

## Highways Report March 2023

### Parish Hill North Cadbury

After two years of badgering the County Council I am now advised that a CCTV investigation exercise will be carried out by the end of this month with a view to establishing exactly where the blockage is in the culvert so that effective clearance can be undertaken.

### Bridges

Earlier this month I was advised of an incident that occurred on the bridge over the river Cam on Ridgeway Lane, North Cadbury. A tractor towing a set of rollers had demolished the wooden parapet on the left-hand side of the bridge - this left a very dangerous situation as there is four metre drop to the river below.

I managed to get the highways 24hr emergency service to come out that evening and erect some crash barriers and have since been chasing SCC Highways to get some permanent repairs done.

The matter is now in the hands of the highways bridge department and a team of contractors attended this week to cut back all the undergrowth to enable a full structural survey to be undertaken. I spoke with the team and they agreed that this situation should be dealt with as high priority as the parapet on the other side of the bridge is also very weak.

Work has also been done to clear vegetation aside the bridge on Corkscew Lane which is also to be surveyed so perhaps the damaged parapet on that bridge will also be repaired in the near future.

### Potholes

There has been a lot of publicity nationally about the state of roads and numerous potholes and the Chancellor has just announced an additional £200 million to help alleviate the problem. As far as this parish is concerned there has not been a serious deterioration in the road surfaces following the recent cold weather. Frog Lane Galhampton and Sticklepark Lane Yarlington are the worst as far as the road surfaces are concerned but both of these are little used.

Most of the incidents that I have been reporting are collapses of the lane edges which is a direct result of the much larger agricultural vehicles using the lanes now - these seem to be low priority as far as the council is concerned.

It might be worth mentioning that, following the closure of the district council next month, the reporting procedure for any problems on the roads, including potholes, is as follows:-

Somerset Council > Roads and Transport > Problems on the Road > Choose a Problem and then follow the guidelines.

It is very easy and reports are acknowledged immediately.

### **Chapel Lane North Cadbury**

Contractors using this lane to access the construction work at the school have seriously damaged the road surface for almost the entire length of the lane. We will have to keep an eye on this to establish who will be responsible for resurfacing in due course.

### **Sparkford - Ilchester Bypass**

Just a reminder that there will be a series of roadshows detailing the progress being made with this work for anyone who is interested and they are:-

Tuesday 28th March - Haynes Motor Museum 12pm - 4pm

Wednesday 29th March - Teals Farm Shop 9am - 5pm

Thursday 30th March - Teals Farm Shop 9am - 5pm

Friday 31st March - Haynes Motor Museum 9am - 1pm

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