

North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council

Highways Report June 2023

This report is a follow up to my report last month, immediately following the flooding event on the 9th June.

As mentioned in the postscript to my last report Somerset Highways have done an excellent job in quickly carrying out repairs to what were considerably damaged road surfaces and I have thanked John Nicholson accordingly.

However there remains much work to be done and I took the opportunity to discuss outstanding issues with the highways representative at the extraordinary parish meeting held on the 12th June. John Nicholson was not there as he was away on holiday. I got the impression that there was eagerness to get these matters sorted as soon as possible as numerous residents had made their feelings known during the meeting.

Yarlington

Whilst much of the work so far concentrated on lanes between North Cadbury and Galhampton there is a strong feeling that Yarlington has been overlooked.

Some repair work has been carried out along Sticklepark Lane and Golf Links Road but the two large potholes on Lodge Hill, although marked, have not been repaired (one right outside the village hall) Pound Lane is also in dire need of repairs and whilst some temporary filling of potholes at the bottom of the lane has been carried out this is not good enough and the Council are now well aware of the need to carry out some permanent repairs soon.

The main road from Woolston into Yarlington is still covered in mud from the collapse of a hedgerow/bank near to the Old Rectory and I have asked for this to be cleared and the bank to be surveyed as there is concern that heavy rain could bring more mud down across the road.

Galhampton

Frog Lane has one of the most uneven surfaces in the parish and potholes are developing in the upper part ie Smallway Lane. Very little usage makes this low priority but I have reminded the Council of the need to talk to

landowners as the ditches on either side are completely blocked which results in regular flooding - this was promised when John Nicholson visited early in the year.

There are the beginnings of potholes along Stoke Lane but as yet they do not meet the criteria but I will be keeping an eye on them. March Lane also shows some damage but these have already been marked for repair.

North Cadbury

My main concern here is the state of the bridges on Ridgeway Lane, Corkscrew Lane both of which have a balustrade missing and although they are marked by luminous barriers they present a real danger to vehicles passing over them (Ridgeway Lane has a 12 ft drop to the river below) The main bridge across the Cam on the Cary Road is also badly damaged. I have written to the Bridge team at Somerset Council seeking an update on timescales for these repairs.

John Rundle

PS I see that the potholes in Lodge Hill and March Lane have now been repaired.