

## Highways Report - April 26

The Somerset Road Repair Contractor (Keir) is steadily working their way through the accumulated workload, mainly generated by the extremely wet Jan and Feb we had .

I have recently received repair confirmation for many of the holes reported in Jan and Feb . The council seem to send out their reports about mid month, otherwise it looks like a lot of repairs for one day .

The councils response to the repair load can be mystifying. For instance I am unhappy about the number of holes still in Ferngrove Lane, Woolston. All of these have been reported in early February. One hole was apparently repaired in April but it still leaves 8 holes to be filled .

I have a similar issue with Ridgeway Lane, North Cadbury, which as some people will be aware has extensive road damage, much of which caused by heavy plant traffic for the sewage plant works project. This is now completed and has left the road in a parlous state which does not seem to get repaired, despite being reported. Incidentally the wooden footpath signpost for WN19/75 at the first corner has had its direction fingerpost broken off.

At the last meeting I was advised of two further road issues. The missing lid to the water box in the road opposite the entrance to Yarlinton House. This has been repaired by replacing the whole box and lid and all bedded into new tarmac. The second issue was a large hole on Hearn road alongside Galhampton House, this has been filled. The hole probably caused by a heavy digger excavating the ditch alongside the road and wall.

There are further potholes distributed around the parish, which I am confident the council will get round to filling or deem them "Inspected but not a Safety Defect". These latter holes will become "Defects" in the near future when it will become difficult and certainly more expensive to fill. This unfortunately is the system we currently have.

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