

Traffic Management Report from Friday 29th January

1. New Issues:- Area of flooding onto road from driveway that then turns to ice around Bainbridges site (approximately 1 mile out of Alston along Nenthead Road) It requires channels dug along verges for water to drain into from driveway which is due to be carried out 21/22 programme. Temporary warning signs for hazardous area to be implemented.

Front Street closure re “sets” — Some discussion ensued, mainly around signage and excess vehicles travelling through Garrigill. There will be some restrictions possible on the 2 routes designated with possible signage of “No through routes/ Road closure \ weight” restriction . For Garrigill possible signage of “ Access only “ and a speed restriction of 30 ml/ hr. All these issues will be discussed at next weeks Front Street meeting.

Garrigill - Alston School Bus :- ? Gritting to be done earlier through Garrigill than is at present .Highways Officer to approach Operations Manager re feasibility.

Drainage issues at Shield Hill and Howe Hill Garrigill :— Shield Hill problems refer to Countryside Access Team. As for Howe Hill , water running down the road which when temp falls turns to ice. Needs little troughs dug through verges to ditches , this is particularly worse around the Bells farm. Highways engineer to investigate.

Tynehead Road pot holes reported:— — repairs to be carried out according to category of hole. However, this road is to be resurfaced in the 21/22 programme of works.

Damage to kerbstone near Co- Op :— the damage is between Co-Op and the Disabled Parking Bay, throwing up aggregate onto road. AMBA member to take photos and report back to Highways Engineer.

Condition of road in Nentsberry following contractors working on water issues :— — Apparently the tarmac is a disgrace . There has been a number of residents complaining to Councillors on this. Member of the CCC Highways Team to review and then Highways Engineer to follow up and act.

2. SKS School Access Routes and Pupil Safety. Chair of Governors could not attend meeting, however did send in a detailed report on this issue. Here are some of the points : Spaces outside the school do belong to the Federation but residents are allowed to use them as an act of good will by the school, school already has developed a Capital Plan for the next 3 years so there's no leeway in the budget for extra parking to be developed at the school (cost £2400 per space , and it would mean losing grassed playing area for the children) , no, written communication received by the Headteacher on parking issues, people park on Church Road to go to the Practice.. .

A long discussion ensued, which also highlighted problems of children crossing to the steps for the school from the Spar.

GOOD NEWS — — The School crossing flashing lights system is to be installed imminently on the road outside the Spar. This is a sign for children crossing to school and amber flashing lights underneath to alert drivers to the fact children may be crossing the road ahead and make drivers slow down. The lights will be controlled remotely .

An assessment for a school pelican crossing did not meet the necessary requirements.

It was decided that this being a substantial discussion a small working group should be developed to take things forward. It should include members of the PC whom are on the TM along with another councillor who raised this issue, a Resident, chair of Governors , Headteacher, and Chair of the TM.

3. Action Log :—- Outstanding Problems : Hartside Crash Barrier. Following the Engineering Safety Study ,approval has been given and are awaiting monies to be made available. The chevron signage along the same road has proved difficult to line up so that it can be viewed from both sides .Will review.

North Lonning cone family, will now be removed since road has been resurfaced and marker posts are in.

Tree problem Nent Corner . Owner has been sent another letter.

Waterfall Bank Repairs have been instructed ,but delays have happened due to Winter conditions.

Road safety / excessive noise Nentsberry A689 —- Informal consultation completed. With now Formal consultation to be concluded mid February, then 40ml/hr signage up this Summer.

30ml/hr sign Lowbyer / Hexham Road will be moved to a point where it can be seen 21/22 programme.

Whytesykes signage still to go up and road markings still to do.

7 Trees on grass verges in Garrigill will receive attention in next few weeks before nesting season.

The potholes adjacent to Blagill Farm will be done 21/22. Works to Pry House driveway water ingress will be dealt with end of February

Nenthead Toilets drainage problems will have improvements made in February.

All actions for the Winter months will depend on the weather conditions so please bear with the Highways Team, they are doing their best, and have the Pandemic to contend with also.

Drainage Issues near Nenthead School have been investigated and plans have been drawn up for possible reshaping of road and improve the drainage 21/22.

The speeding issues along Overwater and the request for 20ml/hr sign will be investigated 21/22.

Signage for the Forest School was not included in their planning consent so would need to request and it would go in for 21/22 budget. Road safety signage (to be discussed at next meeting as Councillor that raised the issue was not in attendance).

Brown Signs for Alston was raised by AMBA. Member of the team has begun the conversation with the Council having reviewed the Guidance on the CCC Website.

Map of Alston Moor would be useful to show where the problems are, so advise residents to go on CCC Website. Local Links can help when they are open.

Request for Horse riding signage on the Middleton Road near the Golf Course has been forwarded to another member of the Highways Team.

No change in Actions for: --- Garrigill Speed Restriction, Obstructive Parking Townhead, Speeding Skelgillside Workshops, Coppice Wood.

CCC Chair of the TM gave a huge thanks to a Member of the group who is also a CCC Officer, for all his hard work for the Team, as he now leaves this group and we will welcome another member of the New Team next Time.

Next Meeting 19th March.