

Traffic Management Report 19th March

A. Update on Action Points ;— . - Nenthall Riverbank Erosion — Geology Report has been obtained by Highways from Coal Authority and Tetrattech have been employed to do further ground investigations with also River Authority having an input. So, at the moment the area is on continue monitoring with a view for works to be carried out in the 22/23 programme.

Road closures in Bad weather— — This relates to vehicles not adhering to road closure signs and then getting stuck in the snow ! This mainly being Carr Shield, Killhope, Yad Moss. It is set to go through a Winter Review for possible improved signage, and discussions around implementing snow gates . In the meantime consultations happening not only with the Police but also Other Authorities.

Pot holes on A689 at Haggs Bank —- Pot holes to be filled in with machine in next week and road to be re instated at end of July.

Verges at Haggs Bank to be attended to at same time.

Problems with Traffic Lights at each end of workings when men are working in the middle of the road. Request to be forwarded for review of timings of lights control .

Replacement of Fingerposts;— £20,000 for Eden awarded However , cast iron posts cost £10,500 each! with £4,000 just for the finger ! Request for sign to Carr Shield at Nent to be added to list as well as sign from Hexham . Councillor Denoual to establish a working group to look at all finger posts on AM.

B. Front Street :—- work to begin mid - late May , although a communication has gone out with 24th May - October given Whilst the road is closed it's important for everyone to talk about Alston being Open For Business as Usual. Signage , will Not say Alston Closed. Discussions to begin with Railway re opening their parking facility during the works to help the Town. Discussions underway re Promoting Alston and the Activities planned throughout the road closure include monthly market,(hope to have this ongoing even after the works completed) , Musicians,and Millies end of work Games. Diversion signage for vehicles will be aimed at the Blagill Loop (pot holes to be attended to prior to diversion) for main traffic. Garrigill for local access will have a temporary speed restriction through the village . Highways to organise signage and Traffic control to decide where the signage will be erected .Some of signage will be through A boards. Problems of Leadgate Road discussed . Engineer to visit road and assess pinch points . Whilst Front Street Road works are being undertaken there will also be repairs carried out to footpaths .

Further potholes along diversion and the grass verges will be picked up on completion of Front Street Works and attended to.

C. Townhead —- Lines going in in next 2 weeks.

Speeding at Nenthead Road, Skelgillside Fairhill, Middleton Road are to see Gateway workings on the scheme begin April .

Crash Barrier at Hartside is to have an Engineering Safety Study and a review of signage.

Retaining wall at Nent Corner—Tree has been dealt with , but wall still in a sad state , so another letter being sent to Land Owner and the situation monitored.

Red Squirrel Signage—-Signs seen around are non standard .Highways to review areas that seem to be a problem Those people whom have brought this to TM are to be asked for photographs if any.

40ml/hr restriction at Nentsberry on the A689 will go to Local Committee for ratification week commencing 22nd March.

Pot Hole Patching to go ahead adjacent at Blagill Farm.

Drainage Scheme near Nenthead Primary School will happen this current year with hope to avoid having to do resurfacing works.

Signage review 21/22 for Overwater. Work with school and Community to get the message out there for safe driving. This is for many traffic problems on Alston Moor — drivers need to be more aware of surroundings and drive slower.

Middle Farm Carriageway —- Resurfacing work and reshaping of carriageway to include farm entrance to begin around 12 th April.

Brown Tourist Signs — — These are being designed and Permissions organised .? May for implementation.

Horse Riders Signage at Low Nest and High Nest to be implemented once they have arrived.

Gritting earlier in Garrigill Request by School Bus: — — Planned route for gritting, and a reminder that not all bus routes are gritted. However a discussion to be had.

Tynehead Road in Garrigill will have pot holes dealt with by jet patcher and then a road overlay scheme beginning of May from the Bridge upwards.

Hayring Loop Galligill —- on the walkabout this area couldn't be found. Councillor Denoual explained to Highways Engineer who will now visit site to review gully damage and pot holes.

Other Nenthead Issues :- Gully cleaner to come back to Nenthead as didn't do all areas.

Nenthead Bridge Works —- there's a ? as to when the works are to be carried out and where will the diversion go . ?

Road Closure — 2nd Notification lasts 18 months .

D. Church Road Working Group :— Issues Identified :—

1. No disabled parking. Any resident who has a blue badge can apply through the CCC website. A criteria to be met, followed by assessments and consultation with neighbours. If to go ahead it would be planned to be as near own property as possible but to bear in mind that then anyone with a blue badge can park in that space , it's not a personal parking space. Councillor Robson liaising on this with resident and family.

2. Drop off and Pick up Times —- We need to educate the wider public asking them to: —- be mindful of those living on Church Road ; being aware that spaces in the hospital car park are for those visiting the Surgery, and if possible walk to school.

Historically, Townfoot has been the drop off point for pupils on buses arranged by CCC and 2 staff escort the pupils into school.(during Covid arrangements have been so Children are dropped off at school to avoid going into Spar and helping prevent spread of Covid)

3. Complaints. —- There have been only 3 complaints from residents on Church Road, (3 others non residents) but each one have had a reply from the Acting Headteacher of AM Federation. Councillor Robson has been appointed the Groups Liaison Officer to mediate between everyone. AM Federation produce a Newsletter every half term and it was suggested that perhaps this should contain parking issues and how to help alleviate the problems and send it to all residents if possible so they are aware of schools input.

Hospital steps being slippy and full of leaves — — have had input from the Surgery whom have offered to get the bushes cut back and AMPC have offered the use of the Community Warden (when appointed) to keep the steps clear. Although through the Winter perhaps the AMERG Volunteers could be called upon to do some snow clearing and grit spreading.

4. Parking — — —- Weardale. buses have a private agreement with Spar-for day time parking. But there is no official parking arrangement for parents on the site.

Staff Parking can usually accommodate 12-14 vehicles at the school .To have more , then playing fields would have to be removed . NO No. Occasionally a couple of teachers visiting for half day sessions park on Church Road, however there are spaces in front of the school that could be marked out for the teachers but it would mean that the residents parking there now , would not be able to in the future.

Residents Off Road Parking. —- There are 2 houses near the School/ Practice that have vehicles parked off road but with no dropped kerb. Enquiries would have to be made through CCC website for a Permit to carry out said work at a cost of upwards of £100 .A list of qualified contractors would then be provided . Ultimately the cost could account to between £2000— £4,400 .

Re Use of Turning Heads for parking — — Highway Code states No Parking in these areas . Again, it come down to Communication to the wider Public.

5. Following some discussion it was decided to stay with the elected Liaison Officer representing the residents interest rather than an unelected individual whom could only represent their own .

6. Low Cost Interventions — — Acting Headteacher is in contact with a School Traffic Officer with a view to join the "Walking Buses Scheme" Much work to be carried out developing this , but the school, is willing to work with parents and CCC on this. So Watch This Space.

Flashing School Crossing Signage outside Spar area still awaiting connection .

Date of next meeting TM 16 th July , Church Road Working Group after Easter.via Zoom.

Councillor Grew

