



**HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP**  
**Report to Parish Council 01 March 2022**  
**Lead Cllrs: L Bennett, R Brocklebank, J Clark, C Hainsworth**

Last report to Council: 01 February 2022

**1. ROAD SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)**

Roadside Checks

Winter weather and availability of volunteers have suspended roadside checks since the end of November 2021  
Some equipment is still on loan with Corby Glen Parish Council

**2. FOOTPATHS**

1. The Water Lane footpath was reported to be cleared by SKDC Street team. They did the short stretch from Newton Manor west, however, they did not do the major part from Manor to Old Post Lane. The bit outside the Manor is unusable due to a large hole frequently filled with water. Update: Further works appear to be planned.
2. FP15 Old Post Lane end: It is heavily rutted soft mud. Even if it dries out it will be difficult to negotiate and probably become impassable as soon as it rains. The solution had to be a properly laid hard core above the water level. Reported to LCC ROW and given a Priority 2 from LCC ROW.
3. Reports of fallen fence panels on FP7 & FP19 following the recent storms. Fence panels homeowners' responsibility. Both FP's now cleared and made safe.
4. All routine issues relating to footpaths are dealt with by the Clerk and reported to Council in Clerks Report/Correspondence

**5. PRIORITIES for LCC**

1. Colsterworth & District Parish Council priorities identified in previous reports have not been reviewed or changed  
Currently they remain:-
  1. High Street Traffic Calming
  2. Bridge End
  3. A1
  4. Flooding/Drainage and Soakaways

**2. Highways Maintenance: LCC**

Cllrs have expressed concerns regarding the patch repairs being carried out. It is also noted that unless listed the contractors will not repair potholes within the same vicinity as the one they have attended to requiring additional reporting of works required.

Also disappointingly, on 03 February 2022 the Clerk reported 11 separate reports for Bourne Road and Bourne Road Estate; only one pothole was scheduled for repair and the rest did not apparently meet LCC's criteria.

**6. ISSUES LOG – Traffic and road safety**

**1. Road Signs**

At last meeting it was agreed that Cllr Hainsworth could make enquiries regarding road signs as the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at Stainby was identified as needing review (battery not lasting). These signs are not "speed cameras" but act to remind and educate people of the speed limits and have the facility to collect data.

Three companies were approached for costs, only one replied.

- In the past preferences had been shown for signs that showed actual speed limit with potential for additional message/colour lights reflecting compliance or breach of the speed limit.
- Preferences also suggested solar power on the signs to prolong the time between charging which has to be undertaken by volunteers



- All units are capable of collating vehicle data (not number plates but flow, frequency and speeds)

Several areas have been identified that would benefit:

- Stainby
- North Witham
- Top end of Woolsthorpe Road from Skillington
- Bridge End entering into Colsterworth
- Bourne Road (two existing “wired in” signs are felt to be inadequate as they just flash what the speed limit is rather than an indication as to compliance/breach and no facility for data collection)

The costs provided from the one supplier as an indication as to whether this is a viable project that the PC would want to pursue

**An indication of cost therefore, for one speed sign with one additional message, solar kit, data logging facility and fixings would be in the region of £3,185.00 plus VAT**

Item	Cost each (Plus VAT)
Radar speed sign	£1995.00
Radar speed sign with additional 'slow down' message	£2145.00
Radar speed sign with additional 'slow down/thank you' message	£2245.00
Solar kit This offers a 'fit and forget' 24/7 power solution, providing that the solar panel is facing South and is not in major shadow of trees or buildings. The solar kit will need to be fixed using the post fixings provided, each time it is relocated, as it fixes to the post itself and not the sign. However, this is a much lighter piece of equipment	£475.00
Optional data-logging facility and PC based traffic statistics software Collected data, such as average traffic volume and average speeds, can then be downloaded via the USB lead provided, to your laptop PC and takes only a few seconds	£250.00
Spigot bracket system If the sign is to be moved around it is recommended that a further aid to fitting the sign to each post, is a spigot bracket system	£280.00
Carriage One sign and solar pack	£35.00

2. Nothing further of note reported in the Parish

3. All potholes, streetlight issues, etc. are reported on FixmyStreet and via the Clerk.

**7. NORTH WITHAM and STAINBY**

Nothing of note reported

**8. A1 ISSUES**

**6.1. Incidents impacting on our area (accidents, delays, tailbacks/diversions) on A1 in past month**

Source: [NewsNow: A1 news | Breaking News & Search 24/7](#)  
[Grantham Journal Categories - Accidents](#)

18 Feb 2022	A fallen tree is blocking a lane on the A1, causing tailbacks. As of 2.45pm today (Friday), Lincolnshire Police officers are at the scene of a fallen tree on the A1 northbound carriageway near Colsterworth. The tree is currently blocking the inside lane, leading to around four miles of tailbacks
04 Feb 2022	An accident on the A1 this morning caused tailbacks on the southbound carriageway. The accident happened at Stoke Rochford at 7.05am and a car was reported to have collided with the central reservation. Traffic queued from the B6403 (Woolsthorpe/Easton turn-off) back towards Grantham



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