

Clerk's report (for information only)

- **From Community event Sat 20.05.23.**

1. Calder Vale road collapsing – bollards were placed there in March 2020. This was reported on 05.03.20. LCC Online ref – 238925. Status at 31.05.23 - This has already been assessed by our inspector and works have been programmed.

Clerk emailed highwaysdistrictlead@lancashire.gov.uk (cc'd in County Councillor Shaun Turner) requesting an urgent update. Chased 13.06.23. Response from Highways received 14.06.23:

Firstly, I am sorry that it has taken longer for us to respond than we would usually like. Our team has been exceptionally busy recently. Nevertheless, we are in most cases still managing to meet our service level of a ten day turnaround for all VIP correspondence. Today is the tenth working day since 31 May 2023.

Looking first at the road in Calder Vale affected by a landslip in 2020. Naturally, it is understandable that residents will be concerned by this and will want to see a permanent solution. As you rightly indicate, Covid had some impact on our response. However, we have taken a number of actions here. We have conducted a thorough geotechnical survey here, and we have been monitoring the site closely for any further movement in the ground.

In terms of a permanent fix, there are a number of potential options. All of these are costly and a final decision will benefit from observations we have been making and continue to make. Funding has not been allocated from the 2023 / 2024 capital spend. Nevertheless, we will be looking to fund a scheme from a future programme.

With Sullom Side Lane, it may help if I start by outlining our maintenance routine. We fully inspect the road annually, with the most recent inspection on 1 February 2023. Following this, we will repair any defects of 40mm depth by 150mm width. The February inspection resulted in five such repairs.

We will also inspect in response to reports we receive, and following your report we have inspected and we have identified a number of potholes which we will repair shortly. It is most helpful if residents, parish councillors and so on, can report any defects they see which appear to meet the levels above using the [Love Clean Streets](#) app. Not only does this help us get the location exactly right but also allows the user to upload photographs, which can be very helpful for our inspectors.

In addition to both scheduled and reactive inspections, we carry out video surveys each year to help compile our annual resurfacing programme. We consider a number of factors when doing this, including: the asset's strategic importance, the number of reported defects, the volume and speed of traffic and its proximity to major utilities (such as hospitals). We repeat this survey and assessment work each year to capture any ongoing deterioration. This helps ensure we put forward the most pressing schemes.

Unfortunately, previous assessments have not placed Sullom Side Lane on one of our resurfacing schemes. We will consider this road in a future programme in line with the above criteria. In the meantime, we will continue to monitor its condition to ensure it remains safe and serviceable.

2. Surface of the road (ripple effect) at two points on Sullom Side Road which is causing both motorists and cyclists to avoid it by driving on the wrong side of the road, dangerous. Reported years ago (unable to locate ref number so can't check online status) - Clerk emailed highwaysdistrictlead@lancashire.gov.uk (cc'd in County Councillor Shaun Turner) requesting an urgent update. Chased 13.06.23. Response included at point 1.

3. Salt box requested for the junction of Sullom Side Lane and Strickens Lane – requested online. LCC online ref – job code 3470700.

4. Hedge needs cutting back at the junction of Calder House Lane and Garstang Road, Bowgreave. Sight line to Catterall is affected if in a standard car. LCC online ref – job code 3470727.

Enquiry from the website received from Edith Gorst. Grass needs cutting at the junction of Sullom Side Lane and Strickens Lane, PR3 1GH. The length of the grass is making sight lines difficult there. Clerk raised a report with LCC. LCC online ref – job code 3470708.

5. Helen Adair commenced handover for the Clerk / RFO role on 03.07.23.

Planning decisions / updates

- **Approval not required** – 23/00378/ARG – Prior notification for an agricultural storage building (machinery) @ Heald Farm, Parkhead Lane.
- **Application permitted** – 23/00269/FUL - Erection of a building for storage and light industrial; Use Class B8 & E(g) (part retrospective) @ High Meadows, Reservoir Road, Barnacre.

Nicky Mason, Clerk & Financial Officer