

Paul Gadd County Councillor Update

Saffron Walden Town Council – Planning and Transport Committee

27/9/22

[Note, items in italics are repeats from last month, still unresolved]

1. Flooding and drainage issues:

- a. I had a catch up with my ECC drains contact on 21 September: results as follows:
 - i. Confirmation that they have now widened road gullies going down Shepherds Way to try to take rainwater before it floods the properties at the bottom. I haven't heard any more from this so hopefully they are working and I'll take off the update;
 - ii. I reported before that they have put cameras into blocked pipes in Reddings Close and South Rd (near the railway bridge) where there have been long-standing issues. They have cleared the Reddings Close blockage, so I'll take this off the update. They have still to take action on South Rd but have promised they will as a matter of urgency;
 - iii. Gullies on Abbey Lane and London Rd now jetted;
 - iv. Stonebridge Farm ditch cleared from farmer's side as well, so hopefully issue resolved;
- b. That leaves Bridge Street as the other long-standing issue. My drains contact is going to talk to his infrastructure team and I'll then meet him on site hopefully in a couple of months;
- c. Cllr Roberts has emailed me with a number of other blocked or broken drains which I've discussed with him. It doesn't make sense for them to do ad hoc jetting but I'll chase when there are a number

2. Highways matters affecting the parish:

- a. Rissa's permanent replacement has now arrived – Sarah Tomlin – and I've passed her details to Lisa and Georgia. I am meeting her on 6 October to go through all the outstanding issues;
- b. *[LHP schemes: no further update since July; I've asked ECC Highways about funding schemes through our s.106 monies and as yet had no reply. I've chased again this week;]* Still the same – I've chased for a third time but no response so have taken it up with Daniel McLean (who was temporarily filling the Rissa role) and hope to have an update when I meet him and Sarah on 6/10. The LHP meeting scheduled for October was cancelled because of the Queen, and has now been re-arranged for 24/10;
- c. I've had a request from a couple of members of public for a zebra crossing on Cromwell Rd to ease children going to school from the Winstanley Rd side – what do people think?
- d. *[High Street pavements – I'm chasing on why they have done just half the High St, to get the rest done;]* Ditto
- e. *[Under the "Member Led Pothole Repair Scheme": it seems now that clusters aren't treated as one so I've quickly got through my first allocation of 18, but with another 18 to come. In Saffron Walden they should be doing the Thaxted Rd / Peaslands Rd mini-*

roundabout, London Road (done), Castle St and the right hand turning lane on the B1383 coming from the station to Wendens Road. Peaslands Rd / Mt Pleasant Rd has too many to do (!) so I've asked for it to be resurfaced – response outstanding!]. On Peaslands Rd I've had a holding response – will keep chasing to try to get it into the 2023/24 Capital Programme. On the potholes, London Rd and the B1383 are done but I'm still waiting for the others. I now have my next allocation of 18 – please let me have suggestions

- f. Plenty of other issues re potholes, requests for speed bumps etc.
3. Bus services and other sustainable transport:
- a. On buses, the 59/590 is being reinstated from 3 October 2022. The Passenger Transport Officer does seem to be trying hard with our bus services – I don't know if anyone has seen an improvement?
 - b. *[On cycling, hopefully the detailed surveys are underway.]* Still waiting to hear
4. ECC s.106 requests – it appears that ECC are not asking for s.106 contributions for secondary places from new developments. I've raised this with ECC, haven't had a particularly helpful response, and am chasing