

Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish
Notes of the Annual Parish Assembly
held on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.00pm in Bradwell Village Hall

Attending: Andy Jobling, Asset Manager, Operations (EAST), Highways England (**AJ**)
Geoff Chatfield, A120 works project sponsor (**GC**)
Graham Gould, Kier Group, Highways Network Manager – responsible for production of Keir’s cyclical maintenance plan (**GG**)
Kevin Doherty, Routine Delivery Team, Highways England – responsible for driving forward the maintenance programme (**KD**)
Parish Councillor Tony Dunn
Parish Councillor Craig Evans
Parish Councillor Glenn Lockey
Parish Councillor Marie Webb
Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk)
County Councillor James Abbott
Five residents of the parish

Cllr Dunn was appointed Chairman for the meeting and welcomed those present and introduced Andy Jobling who had attended to answer any questions regarding the works programme to the A120 and future maintenance works.

A120

AJ introduced his colleagues as above. GG outlined how Kier would manage works to the A120 and explained that a dedicated engineer and maintenance team would be given responsibility for day to day issues. This team will undertake monthly inspections of the road to address any repairs needed as they occur. Once the structure of the team is in place details will be passed to the Parish Council.

The following points were discussed:

1. With the current works nearing completion, GC outlined the future works programme:
 - a. Surface treatment to some areas (not already re-surfaced as part of current programme)
 - b. Structural repairs to underneath Blackwater Bridge (this will involve stopping the flow of the river to enable access) – all work is in accordance with Environmental Agency policies)
 - c. Potentially further repair works to one parapet of bridge which could not be undertaken during current maintenance programme
 - d. Works to drain covers to level with road will be undertaken in next phase
 - e. Works to surfaces at Marks Tey and Little Tey will require further road closures, but hope to do this work whilst other closures are in place
 - f. “SLOW” signs to be painted on carriageway surface between Marks Farm and Bradwell
 - g. Panners Farm to Galleys Corner junctions will require 2 nights’ full road closure
 - h. Improvements to road layout markings will require full closure for 5 nights
 - i. Kings Lane, Stisted – red infill to be added to hatched areas, reflective bollards on verges
2. Diversion signs – it was explained that diversion signs remain on site to be available during further closures, but as soon as that work is complete the signs will be removed. It was noted that some complaints had been made that the positioning blocked the view of vehicles turning on to the A120.

3. Road surface should have 10 year's life span, subject to accident or fire damage.
4. There will be a full closure of the A120 for a period of 7 nights when the next phase is started – Highways England will liaise closely with the Parish Council to ensure information is available.
5. Additional signage required at Marks Farm roundabout to encourage lane discipline, particularly for traffic going straight ahead or turning left – all road. AJ advised that discussions were continuing with the District Council which may lead to further alterations to that junction to include cycle schemes.
6. Junction of A120 and The Street – a request for mini-roundabout like those at Marks Tey was made. AJ explained that the width of the road and proximity of properties to the carriageway edge prevented this. AJ also stated that the statistics for incidents at this junction were very low, but understood that the perception of road users might be different. There were much higher figures outside Cherry Lane Nursery and Twin Oaks for incidents.
A further request for a 30mph limit to be considered was made. AJ explained what was involved in putting this forward and said that the potential cost might be prohibitive. **AJ agreed to forward to the Parish Council criteria for submitting a formal request.**
7. Vegetation will be attended to as part of routine maintenance works.

Cllr Dunn thanked Andy Jobling and his team for attending and for providing such detailed information.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Dunn explain the differences between a Parish Plan and a Neighbourhood Plan and the process for Bradwell with Pattiswick to prepare that plan. He further advised that a community workshop will be held within the next 6-8 weeks for all residents to attend and put forward ideas. Any resident who wishes to become involved will be welcomed. Groups will be established to focus on specific topics and to put together various policies that will be required.

There being no further items to be discussed, Cllr Dunn declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.