

Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall

Parish Council

Notes from a meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2019 between Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council and officers from Cheshire West and Chester Council Highways Department.

Present: Cllrs Ray Mould, Heather Lightfoot, Leanne Vimalachandran - Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council
Stuart Bateman and Sian Williams - CW&C Highways Dept

The meeting took place on the car park of Rasoi (formerly Red Fox) at the Four Lane Ends (A51 / A49 junction)

Matters discussed were:

Four Lane Ends Road markings: Concerns had been raised that drivers waiting to turn right from Eaton Road towards Tarporley where directly in the path of traffic travelling straight across from the A49 Whitchurch Road. Councillors asked if the right lane from the A49 could be right turn only and the left lane for traffic both turning left and going straight ahead. Highways will look at the queue times on the left lane to see if this is feasible. They will also put guidance lines on the road but there will have to be a road closure to do this.

A51 / Four Lane Ends Speed Limit Consultation: Councillors asked for an update on the provision of a lower speed limit on the A51. Mr Bateman explained that the costings for the scheme are being prepared and it is hoped to get them to the PC shortly. It was explained to the officers that some of the moneys to pay for the scheme had come from the Ward Councillors Members Budget and before long the PC would be asked to complete a report on whether it had been spent or not.

Cleaning of Footways A49 and A51: Councillors asked why the A51 pavement had only been cleaned part way along. It was explained that that had been done when the road was closed for the roadworks but they had not had time to complete it and they would have to come back another time to do the rest. Councillors pointed out the difficulties of walking along the un finished section but were told that the team had moved on to other areas and it was not known when they would get back. However, a new job had been opened and it was still on the system.

Cllr Lightfoot also mentioned a grid which had sunk several times and the tarmac around it which had also broken up on several occasions.
The A49 pavement had been cleaned.

Fault Reporting System: Councillors stated that they were reporting highways issues on the online system and when checking for updates were finding that many items had been closed even though works had not been done. The officers would check on this but stated that sometimes if a partial work was completed they would close the initial enquiry and open another one. Councillors asked if they could be informed when this occurred so they could continue to track progress

A49 in the Vicinity of the Railway Bridge: Mr Bateman reported that all works had now been completed on the approaches to the bridge, roundels had been painted on the road and the physical signs had yellow backing and were much more visible.

CW&C and Cheshire Constabulary were looking for two sites near to the bridge where they could site the (yellow) speed enforcement van

It was reported to Mr Bateman that the over-height sign on the Tiverton side was constantly flashing. He would get someone to come and have a look at it (Note: some days later the Clerk reported this on the on-line reporting system)

Speeding on Bends at Brassey Green: Mr Bateman was aware of the concerns that had been raised.

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