Notes of Tilston Parish Council Ward Walk
11th August 2016

PRESENT
Parish Council - Penny Honeyborne, Ian Munro, Nicola Prince, Neil Ritchie, Sue Willett.
Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright
Cheshire Police - PC Ged Gigg (GG) & PC Damian Molyneux
Cheshire West & Chester – Ward Councillor - Howard Greenwood (HG)
   Rural Localities Team – Hilary Smith (EG)
   Highways Dept. – Helena Crawford (HC) & James Pendleton (JP)
   Streetscene - Ed Glenn (EG) & Lee Maddock (LM)
Sanctuary Housing - Natasha Tilston (NT)
Residents - Mr J Tweed (JT)

ISSUES RAISED

It was reported that the Tilston sign coming from Malpas was overgrown and had gone green, and that the 40mph sign as you enter Tilston from Malpas on the right was not visible due to the hedge and on the left had been turned round showing the derestricted sign.
JP confirmed he would report these issues.

The walk proceeded up Malpas Road towards Malpas.

- It was noted that there is a persistent flood at the junction with Inveresk Road (on left of junction when facing Inveresk Road) and also on the road by Ascot House.
  JP to investigate.
- It was noted the hedge opposite Pen Y Bryn is overgrown and is obstructing the pavement, EG and LM will pursue.
- It was noted that CW&C grass cutting should take place every 2 to 3 weeks depending on growth.
- It was noted that the pavement along Malpas Road outside Tilston Lodge and beyond is still in a very poor condition, it was confirmed this had been submitted by Tilston Parish Council as part of Structural Maintenance Rolling Programme, the decision as to which projects will go forward will be made in October/November.
- It was noted the PROW (Public Right of Way) by Brook Cottage needs clearing and cutting back, it was agreed the Clerk should report this to James Lambert at CW&C.
- It was noted that the hedge opposite Ottobank Cottage is overgrown and obstructing the pavement, EG and LM will pursue.
- It was noted that the pavement verge opposite Holly Cottage travelling towards Malpas is overgrown and is narrowing the pavement at a dangerous spot, EG and LM agreed this would be cleared as part of the winter work.
- It was noted that the grassed area as part of the Jones Homes development would be adopted by CW&C, it was not known when.

Inveresk Road

- It was noted that Jones Homes had agreed to repair 3 areas identified by residents and the Parish Council 2 of which are private drives and 1 was pavement. The other 17 faults were accepted as historic and therefore the responsibility of CW&C.
- HC noted that there were 2 further depressions in the road which are being monitored.
- It was suggested a new bin should be installed at the junction to the new development, LM to investigate.
It was noted that the builders on the former Fox and Hounds regularly park on the pavement and in near the bus stop representing the school bus picking up children, GG agreed to monitor.

The walk proceeded along Church Road, Rookery Road and Wynter Lane.

- It was noted the road had dropped by the utility (BT) cover opposite Willow Cottage, JP will report. It was noted faults associated with utility companies should be reported to the street works team (engstreetworks@).
- The drainage issue raised in advance of the Ward Walk outside 21 Church Road was addressed with the resident by HC.
- JP reported the damaged Long Lane and Rookery Road signs which have been previously reported.
- The damage done to the verges on Rookery Road particularly at the junction (on right when facing Rookery Road) was noted it was considered whether installing white markers or a low fence might reduce this damage.
- NT inspected the Rookery Road garage site.
- It was noted that water is still coming up outside 17 Rookery Road, it was noted this has been reported on a number of occasions with works taking place on the area. The Clerk will report again.
- JP reported the sunken grid on the corner of Rookery Road.

The Green
A brief discussion took place regarding possible changes to The Green, noting there would be public consultation on any proposed changes, it was also noted that Councillors had been approached by a number of residents who strongly opposed the removal of the Chestnut Tree. It was noted that the tree is regarded a ‘Highways Tree’ and as such if it becomes dangerous Highways will remove it regardless of any proposed schemes, it was noted that the tree is not very healthy this is a reflection of its location rather than its age. It was noted that the Tree is a very important part of Tilston. It was suggested any scheme to develop The Green would need to be phased. JT agreed to forward information regarding the schemes being considered, it was suggested that CW&C could put in white lines to see what impact these have on the way people drive.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the Ward Walk.

Ann Wright
16th August 2016