

## **Caldbeck Site Visit 7 December 2018: Update 11 May 2019**

### **1. Caldbeck Green - Pot holes**

From Caldbeck car park the first site visited by car was the lane on the west of Caldbeck Green. It has been in a poor state of repair with numerous potholes for some years and the Parish Council has been expressing its concern for some time. Highways had intended to take action but the work has never been scheduled as other urgent work has received higher priority.

**Detail added to HIMS by Paul Doherty .**

### **2. B5299 Ratten Row, Caldbeck - Surface water across road & Caldbeck Boundary Sign**

The site was inspected on foot and Highways considered that drainage ditches should be properly established. The Caldbeck Boundary Sign at this point has a broken clip which is liable to slip.

**Drainage ditch established. Is further work expected higher up the hill?**

### **3. Faulds Brow, Caldbeck - HGV warning signs**

The site was inspected on foot. Highways agreed that warning signs were required and that Philip Groom should take action. The Parish Council is happy to meet Philip Groom on site if required although the positioning of warning signs would be a matter for Highways experts.

**Philip Groom has been asked to contact the Parish Council - Clerk chasing.**

### **4. Wath Brow, Caldbeck - Road warning signs, gradient/HGV/ice**

As with Faulds Brow it was agreed warning signs should be erected. Again the Parish Council is happy to meet Philip Groom on site.

**Philip Groom has been asked to contact the Parish Council - Clerk chasing.**

### **5. Upton, Caldbeck - Road surface**

The state of Smithy Lane and through Upton was noted. The Parish Council has highlighted the need for surface dressing for Heskett Lonning and Upton and written to the Corporate Director asking if such work can be considered a priority. Highways said that the work would be considered for 2020-21 as the surface dressing programme had been agreed to March 2020.

**Some pot holes filled - detail added to HIMS by Paul Doherty.**

### **6. Heskett Lonning - Surface Dressing/uneven busy road**

The Parish Council has asked for Heskett Lonning to be included in the surface dressing programme as its top priority.

**Not scheduled until 2020.**

### **7. Heskett Newmarket/Newlands - Step protruding on road towards bridge**

The site was inspected. Better Highways would look at the planning details for accessing Evening Hill from the lane to Heskett Bridge.

**Is there any update?**

### **8. Heskett Newmarket, Street Head/Woodhall Junction - Surface water drainage/road markings**

The site was inspected and drainage from the fields north of the lane was considered a problem. The Parish Council would check on who owned the fields. Highways would undertake drainage clearance work etc on the south side of the lane for the main drainage channel.

The need for repainting white lines at the junction was noted.

**Drainage clearance undertaken, landowner details passed to Highways - action continuing. Matt Bish is arranging for the road markings to be repainted as a priority.**

### **Sites not visited**

### **9. Burblethwaite, Fellside - Broken draincover**

Matt Bish had been shown the Burblethwaite broken drain cover on a previous visit and would check on the presumed historic sign post renovations.

**Drain at Burblethwaite will be replaced.**

### **10. Whelpo Bridge to Faulds Brow - Pot holes**

**Is there any update?**

### **11. Howbeck**

Gritting bin upended during construction of drainage channel.

**Any update?**

### **12. Heskett Newmarket - pot hole repairs**

Heskett Newmarket pot hole repairs completed and repair work also undertaken for entrance to car park. Compliments made on the quality of the work and the consideration shown to residents.

We received a note from Laura McClellan in response to our comments on the need for better co-ordination/signage:

“Matthew [Bish] has asked that I form a response to yourself in relation to the concerns raised at your Parish Council meeting around the temporary road closures which took place recently within Caldbeck.

The temporary road closure was put in place to facilitate Cumbria Highway carriageway repair works and Utility repairs works being carried out by Gallagher Ltd on behalf of

Electricity North West. To avoid disruption being caused to the village it was agreed that these works could be carried out under the same closure. For your information I have attached a copy of the location plan which shows the extents. These works were originally planned to take 1 week to complete, however due to weather conditions the Cumbria Highways works over ran by 2 days.

With reference to the signage, unfortunately I was not made aware of the incorrect duration which was displayed or the lack of business open as usual signs, the diversion route was put in place by GTM Traffic Management Company on behalf of the contractors working in the area and they are, from experience, usually very proactive with additional signage requirements etc, please may I suggest that should any further works take place in the area and additional/changes are required to be made with the signage that I am contacted, my details are as below, and I can ensure that any request is progressed accordingly.

BT Openreach contacted Cumbria Highways with a request to carry out urgent works, as they are a statutory undertaker and are entitled to access their apparatus, the Highways Authority cannot refuse their access to the services unless there is a likelihood to cause serious disruption, as their proposed location for the works did not affect anything as it ran into the section of road which was already closed, permission was granted for them to close the road as shown on the attached location plan. I later found out that BT Openreach had in fact closed a different section of road which resulted in the disruption, this was not granted by ourselves and is currently being investigated.

I hope my email offers you some reassurance that we are looking into this matter and I can assure you that all of our road closures are coordinated correctly, sometimes there are urgent works which can result in additional disruption but we try to ensure this is kept to an absolute minimum where we can.

Should you require any additional information in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.”

### **Are there any further comments Parish Councillors wish to make?**

#### **13. Blue Gates - use by County Council Highways/fly tipping**

I passed on the concern about the use of Blue Gate including photographs. Matt Bish tells me his understanding is that the car park at blue gate is no longer going to be used by Highways until there is an agreement with the National Park for surface dressing chippings to be stored there. He has reported the fly tipping to Allerdale Borough Council.

#### **General**

Better Highways would take action over the next few months to address the issues identified.