

Highways Issues updated 15 October 2019

Issues raised with Matt Bish, County Council, 25 July 2019 on visit to Caldbeck Pariah and also discussed during subsequent visit to Hesket Newmarket 13 September 2019

- i) Cornhill House (the Old Police Station) - broken manhole cover [July 2019]
Highways reported the repair was completed 6 August 2019. However, a cone had been positioned over the manhole cover but the cover itself was not repaired.
- ii) Caldbeck Green - pot holes [January 2018]
Highways reported several call reports were assigned to teams in September 2019.
- iii) B5299 Ratten Row, Caldbeck - Surface water across road & Caldbeck Boundary Sign [May 2018]
Highways reported the work was completed 31 July 2019. However, the Parish Council thought the plan was to improve the drainage channels further up the hill. **Highways has reported that there are no further plans to extend the drainage channels.**
- iv) Whelpo Bridge to Faulds Brow - pot holes [July 2019]
Highways assigned the work to teams in September 2019 - D1980972445. **Highways has checked the site and has added it the future works list.**
- v) Drain between Burplethwaite, Fellside and Bonners Farm [June 2018]
Drain located/marked up Highways reported the work completed 1 August 2019 and **confirmed as completed.**
- vi) Pot holes Branthwaite Bridge, Fellside [July 2019]
Highways reported the potholes repaired in September 2019 and **confirmed as completed.**
- vii) Upton, Caldbeck - Road surface [December 2018]
Highways reported this work will need to be included as a Future Scheme when funding becomes available.
- viii) Pot holes between Upton and the Wath [January 2018]
Highways assigned the work to teams in September 2019.
- ix) Pot holes between Hudscapes and Street Head [July 2019]
Highways reported the potholes were repaired in September 2019.
- x) Pot holes between Street Head and Hesket Newmarket [February 2018]
Highways assigned the work to teams in September 2019 - D1980973882. **Assigned to Highways team for patching works when funding available.**
- xi) Hesket Newmarket, Street Head/Woodhall Junction - Surface water drainage/road [December 2018]
Photos and reports forwarded following storms 9/10 August 2019.

Woodhall Lonning/The Street - further visit 13 September 2019 and actions

- Matt Bish will provide a mini-digger to clear out debris from the large holding depressions upstream of the 'dam-with-large-pipe'.
- As a temporary measure, a concrete/sandbag defence will be put in place on the downside of the 'dam-with-large-pipe' to act as a back stop for water which currently overshoots the vertical pipe into which it is supposed to flow. When funding becomes available, additional "holding tanks" are to be installed down the East side of the Woodhall Lonning which will help to cope with the volume of water at peak flow.
- The 9" pipe which was recently installed up the West side of the Woodhall Lonning flows into a small brick lined chamber. A much smaller diameter pipe leads out of this chamber heading towards the field behind the recycling bins.

- Highways cleaned the new soakaway and trimmed back the large pipe. Highways carried out a camera survey of the drains on 18 September. There was a small amount of debris in one of the pipes and on 10 October the full system and gullies were cleaned and jetted, clearing any blockages.
 - Highways now knows how the current system works and what needs to be done to rectify the issue. The plan is to replace the current 6 inch pipe to a 9 inch pipe from the gully where the soakaway is piped to and replace the current gully tops with larger tops. However, this will require additional funding.
 - The water which flows off the fell below Hudscapes passes through the Todhunters' land before coming onto Woodhall Lonning and The Street. Currently, the Todhunters are undertaking some drainage work in their fields above the Woodhall Lonning. They have also agreed to clear out an overgrown ditch which will improve water flow into the large holding tank set into the bank above the Woodhall/The Street junction.
 - A series of grids from the village up The Street to the 30mph signs are to be cleared of debris. The encroaching vegetation will also be cut back to assist water flow.
 - Currently the water bypasses the existing grid at the corner of Beech Cottages, so a second grid is to be installed which will catch the flow of water.
- xii) Pot holes between Woodall and Pasture Lane, Heskett Newmarket [July 2019]
Highways assigned the work to teams in September 2019 - D1980972446. Assigned to Highways team for patching works when funding available.
- xiii) holes Pasture Lane to Calebreck [July 2019]
Highways assigned the work to teams in September 2019 - D1980972822. Assigned to Highways team for patching works when funding available.
- xiv) Calebreck to Heskett Newmarket - road disintegrating between cattle grid and the ford [July 2019]
Highways assigned the work to teams in September 2019 - D1980972443. Highways reported works completed 11 September.
- xv) Pot holes Pasture Lane to Howbeck [July 2019]
Highways assigned the work to teams in September 2019
- xvi) Howbeck to Heskett Newmarket – dips in road where services have been laid [July 2019]
No plans for work at the moment - Highways is chasing utility companies.
- xvii) Uneven road between Howbeck and Heskett Newmarket (previously marked for repair) [December 2018]
No plans for work at the moment - the repair work was all marked up when work was undertaken in Heskett Newmarket but was not actioned given limited funding.
- xviii) Grass encroaching on the lane in front of play area at Heskett Newmarket affecting drains [July 2019]
Highways assigned the work to the gully team in September 2019 - D1980972435. Highways reported works completed 5 September.

The Village - further visit 13 September and actions

- Highways will use a mini-digger to enlarge the entrance to the drain above Dickens House and undertake some paring back of the upper section of the green to allow water to flow into the grids within the green.
- Below the market cross, Highways will use the mini-digger to cut back the section of the green from opposite Smithy House/Smithy Cottage to the play area to improve drainage/encourage water to get away. It is anticipated that the green will be sculpted back to the old foundation stones of the houses that used to be in the middle of the village. Highways will remove the spoil. The work started 24 September.

- Patrick Gray's ditch running through/below his building plot is full of stones and assorted debris and this is the main outlet for the water running from the top of the village. Highways has agreed to clear the ditch outfall when they carrying out the work around the green. Matt Bish has written to Patrick Gray.
 - Parish Councillors raised concerns that by cutting back too much of the green, non-local motorists would think that there was road access beyond the play area. Currently there is no warning sign. Matt Bush has contacted the Highways Traffic Team and requested a small 'No Through Road' sign on the edge of the green opposite Smithy Cottage to be mounted on a short post.
 - Sandbags can be provided for residents to deploy at times of heavy rain, for example in the areas of bad camber. The sandbags do not require filling - the material expands on contact with water. They are available from the Allerdale Borough Council Offices in Wigton for residents to collect. **The Parish Council will arrange for a supply for deployment below Market Cross as advised by Matt Bish.**
 - **Highways has confirmed that funding is in place for the drainage work and the work should be completed reed before Christmas.**
- xix) Heskett Lonning road particularly near Throstle Hall [January 2018]
Highways reported no defect in September 2019.
- xx) Riverside Caldbeck (opposite pub) – collapsed drain on pavement [July 2019]
Highways reported the sink hole requiring filling to United Utilities in September 2019.
- xxi) Warning signs at Faulds Brow and Wath Brow [raised before July 2017] In
September 2019 Philip Groom confirmed that HGV signs at Faulds Brow would be white text on blue background 'UNSUITABLE FOR HGVs' with an HGV icon. The signs at Wath Brow would be traditional gradient signs, at either end. On 26 September 2019 Alan Tyson took photos (which I circulated) of the aftermath of 40' lorry stuck at the bottom of Faulds Brow for a hour and a half which was finally removed with help of John Hickson's tractor. I have passed on the suggestion discussed in 2017 that Wath Brow should include an ice warning.
- xxii) Culvert between Wath and Upton [Parish Council meeting 2 September 2019]
Reported as 'checked' via HIMS 5 October 2019 - unclear if action has been taken.
- b) Other issues
- i) Street lighting issues - reinstallation of light near Calva
Meeting with Dave Bryden, Allerdale Borough Council, 9 October 2019 - Brian Holmes, County Council, did not attend. It was agreed that the most appropriate for reinstating the street light would be the other side of the lane. Allerdale will contact Electricity North West and provide a cost estimate which the Parish Council will then discuss with the Marsters.

Further Action

The Parish Council should work with Mike Johnson to lobby for funding for Caldbeck projects at Allerdale Local Committee. Matt Bish has secured funding for the Heskett Newmarket gully cleaning and for ditching work and cutting back the green for this financial year i.e. to March 2020. Further funding will be required in the next financial year 2020-21 for replacing the 6" pipe.