

Quarterly update – December 2023

Cherry Pie Lane resurfacing – reported to SSDC June 2020, advised that enforcement case had been closed 25 October 2021. SSDC asked to re-open the enforcement case in February 2022 as works not completed. Email received from SCC January 2023 advising that SCC are waiting for the developers designer to respond to an audit carried out before works can be agreed. No further update. Awaiting confirmation from Somerset Council regarding who is responsible for ensuring that the planning condition relating to the surfacing works is complied with. No further update.

Goodwood Drive pavement – Ashford Homes have advised that the block paving works and final wearing course to the footpaths have been completed. All roads within the residential part of the development will then be adopted by SCC Highways. Ashford Homes advised 25 November 2021 that they had initiated the inspection sign-off process. March 2022 Ashford Homes advised that no response had been received from SCC. October 2022 Ashford Homes advised that they were waiting on drainage information relating to the commercial site and that yellow lines had been put down by a third party without permission from SCC Highways or Ashford Homes. December 2022 Ashford Homes advised that they are still awaiting drainage information relating to the commercial site. Ashford Homes confirmed March 2023 that they are still awaiting confirmation that the drainage scheme relating to the commercial site has been approved. Ashford Homes advised June 2023 that they had received confirmation that the drainage scheme for the commercial land has been approved. The final manhole (separating the two sites) can now be constructed. Once these drainage works have been adopted, they will then progress the adoption of the road. No further update.

Possible planning breach at Hazelgrove Lodge – reported to SSDC October 2020, advised January 2022 that the enforcement case had been closed. SSDC asked to re-open the case in February 2022. No further update received to date.

Footpath diversion – formal application submitted to SSDC June 2021. Response from SCC in April 2022 confirming costs to progress application and advising that it would take 6 – 12 months to deal with an application. Awaiting confirmation of land ownership and clarification of who is responsible for payment before submitting new application to SCC. Somerset Council confirmed that applicant is responsible for payment (estimated at £1,500 - £2,000).

Street lights at High Street - Ashford Homes have confirmed they will replace but SCC not aware when this will be done. It remains Ashford Homes responsibility until the roads are adopted. There is no further update on this, although LP has advised that there are further works required before the estate roads can be adopted. Update requested from Somerset Council Street Lighting team following confirmation from Ashford Homes that they will be looking to progress adoption of the road once the drainage works are complete. Email sent to Somerset Council Street Lighting team in September and again in December but no update received to date.

Car Wash – the continuing problem of water running across the road has been reported again to SCC Highways and SSDC Planning. LP spoke to Garretts in March 2022 and asked them to take a look at the problem, they agreed to speak to the people who run the car wash and ask them to come up with a solution. SSDC were asked to look into this again and have confirmed that there is no planning breach. SCC have advised that they will contact the owner again but unfortunately SCC works will not be available to

issue/schedule until April 2023 due to budget and resource. John Nicholson has advised that any surcharges on the carriageway will receive extra salting when the road length is gritted. Update requested from Highways in September, no response received to date.

High Street nameplate – missing nameplate at entrance to Haynes Publishing reported. SSDC advised that it would be replaced by end of April but the work has not been completed to date, email sent asking for an update. SSDC asked for clarification of location of nameplate, now awaiting completion.

Street lighting at Burrows Court – SCC have provided an approved street lighting plan so the Clerk would follow up with Ashford Homes regarding completion. Ashford Homes have advised that the road is not being adopted and that no street lighting is being provided. SCC have been asked to follow this up. It should be noted that there is now a Private Road sign at the entrance to Burrows Court. Street Lighting team have been asked for an update but no response received to date.

Potential damage to trees with TPO's off High Street – reported to Phil Poulton at SSDC who advised that he would visit to inspect. Response received from Phil Poulton in October 2022 who confirmed that he had met with the landowner in person and explained the importance of carefully removing the remainder of the root system (the owner agreed to do this). Phil Poulton would continue to monitor the trees. Email sent January 2023 to advise that building materials still left around trees. Phil agreed to check and speak to the owner again. No further update.

Lying water at entrance to Goodwood Drive – Somerset Council Highways team asked the Development Control team to advise on this in May 2023. No update has been received to date. Somerset Council Highways Development team advised September 2023 that 'although there is evidence of ponding water was making its way towards gully and drainage kerbs. A two pence piece was placed in the deepest areas and at no point became submerged'. Based on that investigation no further action will be pursued on this matter.

Potholes on Sparkford Hill Lane – reported to Somerset Council May 2023. Update received on 28 May to advise that they had been inspected but no action was needed because the problem is not a safety issue and not severe enough to fix it. John Nicholson advised that the patching equipment would be used on Sparkford Hill Lane by the end of August. Once this has been completed, an assessment will be made as to whether further works are required. John Nicholson advised November 2023 that jeet patcher tried to attend in October but was unable to navigate the lane suitably. Budgets have now been frozen so no further works planned at the moment.