

Suffolk County Council Report for the Risby Annual Parish Meeting

Highways

As usual highways accounts for the largest amount of queries I receive.

Drains – South Street & Crematorium Road

I have asked for South Street and Crematorium Road drainage to be looked at, as we know especially the Crem Road has flooding during heavy prolonged rain. I've also asked for the grips to be looked at.

Potholes

Potholes are the bane of people's lives and it does appear again, due to the weather, to have been particularly bad this year with a 105% increase in reports, and SCC response is not always as quick or as good as we expect. There has been a commitment by highways to improve their service not least by introducing the dragon patcher which fixes potholes quicker and better quality, secondly the Road Mender Elastomac which patches larger areas of the road at the same time.

I encourage anyone to report highway defects online on the highway reporting tool and if you do not think there is any action being taken you can report it to clerk with the report number and she can escalate it with me or contact me directly . For emergencies you should contact **0345 606 6171**.

I've embedded here a quick guide to what intervention measures are used for potholes which I hope you will find useful [Reactive Service v1 \(002\) \(suffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

Quays Road

The state of this road has been a concern for a long time and I've asked for it to be re-surfaced, I have now had confirmation that this road will be resurfaced this financial year.

Junction with Crematorium Road and Tut Hill

I commissioned a traffic survey at this junction to obtain evidence for a speed limit safety review, due to reported accidents at the junction. Unfortunately the speed data doesn't support a change in speed limit as the average speed is under 40 mph. Even if we tried for the 40 mph, it shows that cars are approaching the junction area under the speed limit, I've now asked for the accident data to be analysed and I've also asked for a review of the signage in the area. I've also made sure that the junction hedges are kept clear. I've attached the results of the survey to be considered and commented on.

Verge Cutting and Weed Treatment

Verge cutting has been subject to discussions and Risby are due to have verges cut on the w/c Monday June 17th. please allow +or- 5 days due to weather. I've attached a quick guide to verge cutting for your perusal which may be helpful in understanding frequency etc [Grass Cutting - updated 3 April 2023 \(suffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

Weeds have been a subject which again has caused some concern. I can confirm that Risby will be receiving weed treatment the w/c Monday July 8th weed, again please allow +or- five working days due to weather, I've embedded a guide to weed treatment for you to peruse - [Weed Treatment - updated 7 June 2023 \(suffolk.gov.uk\)](#), This has not been updated with the potential re-introduction of Glyphosate, a decision made in February 2024. Regular weed treatment on our highway network

will continue using a variety of methods, with plans for glyphosate being considered only when appropriate – the ambition still remains to reduce the use of glyphosate as far as possible.

HGV Signage

Due to the amount of HGV traffic because Tut Hill has been closed off for HGVS and work on the A14 and the general increase in traffic. We are looking to potentially install warning HGV signage (local traffic only) potentially at three locations Flempton Road, Tut Hill junction with Crematorium Road and South Street. We will have to do traffic surveys as evidence of HGV volume before the signs are put in place.

Speeding

We've tried to get speed enforcement in the village but the threshold for intervention appears to quite high for the police to intervene. I've asked for Safecam to make some visits, I've taken this up with the police and crime commissioner and the Suffolk Road Safe Board to state that there should be campaigns for rural areas.