

Ottertton site meeting to discuss Highways issues.

Date: 18th October 2024

Attendees: Richard Witherby, Jerry Fry, Jess Bailey (DCC) and Tom Cox (Highways)

1. We looked at the signpost pole at Cross Trees bus stop that has rusted through at the base and become unstable. This pole has a directional sign attached to it aswell as the bus stop sign. TC agrees this needs to be replaced and is fairly certain Highways are responsible although it maybe Stagecoach, if so he will refer the matter to them.
2. We looked at the wooden post and metal rail barrier where the brook goes under the road in Ottery Street. The wooden posts, although showing slight signs of degradation where they are fixed in a metal shoe at the base, are not considered in need of repair or replacement at this time. However, the wooden post adjacent to this next to the footpath has rotted at the base and is in need of replacement. TC will check if this is a Highways asset and report back.
3. The issue of buses turning at the junction of Bell Street/Fore Street/Lea Road was discussed and is considered dangerous because of lack of visibility, no footpaths and causing confusion to other traffic trying to use the junction.

The reason for buses turning here rather than using the dedicated bus turning area at the top of Ottery Street is likely due to the pinch point created when cars park next to the railings guarding the brook at the bottom of Ottery Street.

It was proposed that double yellow lines should be installed at this point for the length of the railings and also on the opposite side along the length of the wall with the projecting roof between the two entrances.

We all agreed this would alleviate the problem and would be recommended by both JB and TC. If approved at the next level this will go to consultation but may take up to 18 months.

4. We also looked at the signpost on Bell Street just up from Bramley. The pole has rusted through halfway up and TC will request replacement.
5. Discussion was had regarding rainwater gullys, more rural roads in the village are serviced annually but roads in the centre of the village are on a 3-yearly cycle. TC

recommends that if gullys are blocked this is reported online and he is then responsible for prioritising these incidents.