

# HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL – WORK PROGRAMME.

Last Updated – 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 (To be reviewed at Nov meeting)

Highlighted actions are those which have taken place this month – previous actions are included to give overview of what has taken place before

Issue	Action Taken
<p>BT phone line and Large Tree branch brought down on Chester Rd (High winds)</p>	<p>Resident informs Clerk of BT phone down and large tree branch brought down (Outside 13 Chester Rd) as result of high winds. Clerk reports to BT and CW&amp;C (Tree branch incident)                      CW&amp;C Ref Number: 4844426                      BT Ref Number: WN7VYR47                      BT attend same afternoon and fix phone line.                      CW&amp;C report tree branch has been removed.                      11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – Several residents and Cllrs report that tree branch has NOT been removed. Clerk contacts CW&amp;C to inform them. Assessment report states that it will be completed in 5 days. Ref number: 4844426</p>
<p>School hedge running adjacent with Meadows Lane (opposite Jubilee Field entrance)</p>	<p>11<sup>th</sup> Oct - Resident complains that hedge is now scratching cars who drive down Meadows Lane. Clerk informs CW&amp;C and Head teacher of Huntington Primary. Head teacher fully supports Parish Council and also informs CW&amp;C.                      29<sup>th</sup> Oct – CW&amp;C report received that work is now completed.                      Issue Closed</p>
<p>Overhanging braches on Chester Rd, opposite Caldly Valley Rd Junction</p>	<p>22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Reported to CW&amp;C. Posing Health and Safety risk due to large number of thorns at eye level.                      Reference number: 4848184</p>
<p>Litter and Debris on A55 bridge, starts at Butterbache Rd junction and towards direction of Aldford Rd.</p>	<p>W/B: 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Several residents and Cllr complains of state of A55 bridge (and surrounding pavement) with overgrown vegetation, litter, mud and soil. Clerk reports to CW&amp;C. Ref number: 4848482. Report received next day to say completed but resident reported it was worse than ever! Clerk contacted Chief Officer for Streetcare who promptly instructed team return. 3 Road sweepers returned over 3 days and still standards remained low. Senior CW&amp;C officers involved as Highways were concerned that overfull drains were causing problems and preventing it properly cleaned. Pressure washers attended site to wash path and sweep kerbs. Statement from CW&amp;C: <i>the problem is the wash off from standing water caused by the blocked drains. Each time it rains the issue arises and the wash from the road is dispersed on to the pathway by passing vehicles, whilst we can undertake regular visits we cannot get there each time it rains we will continue to try and visit as often as possible and monitor the situation.</i>                      CW&amp;C to organise for the cutting back of the vegetation and CW&amp;C Highways to investigate pressure washing the drains</p>

<p>Welsh Water Concerns regarding school drainage</p>	<p>Sept – Resident complains that new school drainage may negatively impact new Saughton Camp estate and cause flooding. At meeting with Kier, Cllr Whitehead receives confirmation that there IS a blockage in the current system which has resulted in a delay connecting new school drainage to current system. This is fault of Welsh Water.  Clerk contacts Welsh Water for clarification and assurances that this blockage will not result in further problems AND that pollution will not be leaked into Caldy brook.  1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Welsh Water contact Clerk by phone to say that they are currently investigating and will be in touch within 15 days.  Late Oct/Early Nov – Welsh Water issue statement that they believe all systems are adequate and objections to original planning applications were withdrawn, having been satisfied that CW&amp;C were introducing systems to manage Huntington drains  7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Welsh Water issues subsequent email informing Council that, following an amendment to a planning application, they have advised CW&amp;C that the surface water management system, introduced by CW&amp;C, should be fully operational before the school is occupied. The school was opened the following day.</p>
<p>Speeding on Chester Rd/Visibility coming out of Junctions</p>	<p>Sept 2018 – PC investigates flashing signs on Chester Rd to warn motorists of 30 mph. Quoted £6000 per sign. PC will continue to ask Cheshire Police to do regular speed checks. CW&amp;C Highways are asked to investigate visibility concerns coming from Sedum Close (following 2 residents complaint) and whether a 'countdown' to the new 30 mph zone and a 40 mph buffer zone' would be possible. TO BE DISCUSSED AT OCT PC meeting. Please see Oct minutes for further information.</p>
<p>Old Hall Diversion Signs</p>	<p>6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – Clerk asks Old Hall (request from Cllr) to remove diversions signs placed by Old Hall at time of roadworks. No response yet. Signs still there on 11/11.</p>
<p>School signs on Chester Rd towards Butterbache Rd</p>	<p>Cllr Jacky Creswick highlights signs still up on Chester Rd, facing the wrong way towards Butterbache Rd site. Clerk reports. Ref number: 4848480  CW&amp;C respond within 2 days that school signs for the old redundant school in Huntington have been removed, as has a school sign on Butterbache Road and a parent and child sign has been turned around to face towards Chester Road, Vegetation also cut back from around the sign.</p>
<p>Resident complaints about Pedestrian Crossing</p>	<p>Complaints from both Cllrs and residents that the pedestrian crossings weren't making any sound. Explanation from CW&amp;C below. Facebook complaints also saying that the lights are not giving long enough to cross but CW&amp;C have assessed it, mindful that congestion cannot be caused on roundabout.  CW&amp;C response: <i>there are no audible signals at these crossings as they are too close. Misinterpretation of an audible signal would be hazardous.</i>  <i>To assist visually impaired pedestrians tactile devices are fitted to the bottom of pushbutton units which spin when the green man signal is shown.</i></p>

Estate Agent signs attached to CW&C Street furniture	Cllr Jacky Creswick sent Clerk photographic evidence of estate agent signs attached to street furniture. Clerk contacts CW&C Regulatory team who observes photographic evidence. Warning letter sent to offending estate agents and businesses to say they have 72 hours to remove them. CW&C will then revisit the sites around Huntington which have been shown to have 'fly-posting (which is what CW&C deem it) to ensure action has been taken.
New School Opening and Land responsibility of surrounding area	Quote for widening pitches and fencing received of Kier which are the same quotes given to CW&C. Clerk unable to receive alternative quotes until land is accessed by public. Currently deferred until later meeting. 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 – Cllr Dutton, Chester Nomads and Clerk meet at school ground to look at new pitches, to ensure that they are at the standard that planning conditions state and whether Nomads can see any opportunity for working with the PC. The measurements of the pitches is questioned. With instruction from Cllr Dutton, Clerk to consult with CW&C on when the pitches should be useable, how they intend to manage the pitches and 'dual community use' of the car park and access.
State of Grass Verges and Hedgerows (Including 18 different areas of Huntington identified on Parish Walk with Streetscene Officers on 2 different occasions)	Please see previous Works Programme for further history of this topic.  15 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Resident reports that the trees by Pedestrian crossing on Chester Rd have been cut back (as stated on the Parish Walk report) but not to a 'good' standard' and still causing problems for some pedestrians. Light are no longer obscured but still low hanging branches. Etc. Clerk reports to CW&C. 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Resident (at Oct meeting) states that the pavement on Saighton Lane is still suffering from vegetation which encroaches the path and prevents residents walking in two's. Clerk reports to CW&C. Ref number: 4847508. 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Report received to say that Saighton Lane path has now been completed.
Dog Bins on Cheshire' Way and other parts of Saighton Camp	Please see earlier Works programmes for Parish Council work on this.
Footpath from Huntington to Christleton /Congestion on Sainsbury's Roundabout	Cllrs carry out feasibility walk with Karl Farrow and others from CWaC, assessing whether the footpath can have better access and a cycle route. This will allow children to commute to Christleton High School much easier as well as potentially reducing traffic using Sainsbury's Roundabout due to less parents needing to take children to Christleton each morning. It also promotes a healthier lifestyle. Parish Council now awaits conclusions form Cheshire West Council. 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2017 – Findings have now been passed to Commissioning Task Group who will consider how this can be implemented, using S106 money. This may be new stiles and gates OR a brand new cycle and pedestrian path. Commissioning Group led by Mr K Collins. April 2018 – Clerk writes to Mr Collins and Mr Farrow again to ask for a progress report on this. Mr Farrow confirms that this is now all in the hands of the commissioning group so Mr Collins would need to respond in order to give progress report. May 2018 – Resident complains regarding congestion on Sainsbury's roundabout and how the traffic is getting increasingly affected on Caldly Valley Rd as traffic backs up each morning and progressively getting worse (possibly due to new pedestrian crossing on A41?). Asks PC if they can help in any way. Email sent to all Cllrs. July 2018 – Following Cllrs request to chase this up, CW&C S106 Officer responds to say that it is lengthy process due to the large amount of money involved but the footpath is definitely on the list to be a potential project but this is now in discussion with the Strategic Transport Group. Once projects have been finalised, all

	<p>stakeholders including us as a PC will be notified.</p> <p>For earlier activity relating to this, please see earlier Works Programmes.</p> <p>June 2018 – Bovis confirm that work has now started on Green Howards Way. Cllr emails Bovis Head office on 4 separate occasions to complain about open compound with chemicals and dangerously parked vehicles. On first 2 occasions, Bovis apologise and assure Cllr that this will not happen again and the compound has been cleared. Latest incident occurs on w/b 3/6 where images are taken of compound clearly left open overnight, dangerous materials lying untidy, a digger being left at an angle on a mud pile and chemical containers.</p> <p>June 2018 – Following resolution by Full Council at the June meeting, a report is submitted to HSE. HSE rule that this is CW&amp;C responsibility. CW&amp;C respond extremely promptly and in great detail to outline why this is NOT their responsibility and urge the PC to ask the HSE to re-open the case. The case is now reopened but a response not expected for 28 days.</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – PC receives 3 page letter from CW&amp;C Chief Exec. This is published on <a href="http://www.huntington-chester.co.uk">www.huntington-chester.co.uk</a>. They confirm it is not their responsibility to ensure standards are maintained as this is the responsibility of developers. CW&amp;C ensure that they will work with developers to ensure progress.</p> <p>July 2018 – HSE report that they have instructed Bovis that progress must be made and residents must be kept regularly informed.</p> <p>Sept – Following many resident complaints, PC inform residents of HSE case number for reporting ongoing issues with the estate. HSE reply to all suggesting residents should take this to Civil claims court as they believe this is more appropriate than a breach of Health and Safety. HSE also contact Bovis to explain residents' concerns.</p> <p>Oct – Bovis send letter to all residents outlining their work programme for highways and suggesting that CW&amp;C have changed the standard expectations which resulted in delays for Bovis.</p>
Lucerne Close Tree Damage	<p>Feb/March 2018 – Resident complains to Cllr regarding damaged tree over her property. CWaC tree inspector visits site and instructs that matter is Highways England. CWaC to inform HE. Clerk to follow up if no action taken.</p> <p>May 2018 – Clerk to follow up this month if nothing is reported by end of this month.</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Clerk sends email to Tree Inspector asking for update</p> <p>June 2018 – Tree Inspector confirms that Highways England have been informed but no update has yet been received</p>
Pollution in Caldry Brook	<p>Resident informs Council of odd white foam in Caldry Brook. Confirmed by Cllr. Clerk reports to Environmental Health who agree to follow-up. Ref number: 1593919. (Also potentially linked to another pollution incident in Tattenhall)</p> <p>March 2018 – EA confirm that an inspector visited the site and will give further report to conclude findings. No report received despite Clerk chasing this up.</p> <p>June 2018 – Clerk meets with EA inspector (unplanned!) who is taking samples from brook in Tattenhall. Inspector informs that regular water samples are taken from this brook and one in Huntington due to complaint received (possibly the PC complaint but not confirmed?)</p>
Missing Bin in Caldry Nature Park (below Sorrell Close)	<p>July 2018 – Cllr reports missing bin from Caldry Nature Park. Clerk asks CW&amp;C to investigate. ERef number: 4837766</p>

	<p>July 2018 – PC receive response from CW&amp;C, confirming that the bin has been removed as it was felt that it was not used enough. Cllr disputes this. Full Council resolve to write formal request to have bin reinstated.</p> <p>August – Clerk resends email and asks for update on whether the bin will be reinstated</p> <p>Sept 2018 – Cllr reports that an additional bin was placed in Caldly Valley Park (NOT the site where the bin had been removed) but then disappeared again shortly afterwards. Clerk writes to CW&amp;C to ask why this occurred and whether the bin below Sorrell Close can be reinstated following PC request.</p> <p><b>Oct 2018 – Cllr Jacky Creswick meets with CW&amp;C to ask for reinstatement of bin. CW&amp;C agree on trial basis.</b></p>
Raising Bridge Parapet on A55 bridge.	<p>June 2018 – School Governors contact PC to ask for support in trying to raise bridge parapet on A55 bridge with opening of new school. Full Council resolve to support and writes to Highways England and CW&amp;C.</p> <p>Aug 2018 – Highways England reply and suggest meeting with PC and School Governors although clearly state that funding would need to come from CW&amp;C and/or PC. Clerk contacts School Governors to ask how they wish to proceed. No reply to emails sent. Also see July and Sept agenda</p> <p>Sept 2018 – Governors report that they have met with Highways England, with funding potentially available in 2020. Governors suggest feasibility study begins. At Sept PC meeting, Council resolves to state support (non-financial)</p> <p><b>Oct/Nov 2018 – Residents complain (via Parish Council FB page) that bridge parapets need to be increased in height. Clerk informs of ongoing work on this from Governors and Highways England</b></p>
Correspondence	<p><b>Please see separate Correspondence List (found on website: <a href="http://www.huntington-chester.co.uk">www.huntington-chester.co.uk</a>) for details of correspondence received this month</b></p>

Potential Future Agenda Items (Unable to be included on current Agenda due to other topics needing discussion):

- Formal Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in parts of Huntington, with nominated Police Liaison Officers
- Clerk's pension and incompatibility with current Payroll software (Could be discussed at the annual Budget setting meeting in December/Jan and then brought back to Full Council)