

The following activities involving Parish Highways have occurred since my last Report:

1. **Vattenfall Windfarm Project** – The Vattenfall and Murphy construction project on B1146 (NR19 2QR) is well underway with engineering works extending into the fields on both sides of the highway. Disturbance from the Site for residents has been minimal in relation to noise and disruption; moreover, the project liaison team have maintained good communication with the residents. There has been an increase in heavy plant movement around the Vehicle Mobilisation Zone, but not to cause any impact to the neighbourhood.
2. **B1146 Speed Survey 2023** - The recorded increase of vehicle volume and speed of passing vehicles was recorded by the Traffic Management Team using SDR equipment, but whilst accepting that the hazard situation of speeding vehicles has worsened and despite the introduction of the 40 mph limit over 4 years ago, the police and council refuse to implement any further traffic calming measures without a massive financial (match funding) contribution by the Parish for equipment that is viewed to be outdated. The dangers both to residents, visitors and Vattenfall workers could be better protected with the installation of a vehicle speed corridor. Representatives from Vattenfall have been asked to consider supporting such equipment through their Community Support Fund.
3. **Aggregate HGV on Parish lanes** – Mr Keith raised his concerns in Apr last year regarding the excessive use of HGV vehicles that were using the lanes as a short cut. It is noteworthy that since Mr. Keith raised his concern, the erosion of verges on many of the roads in the area have significantly deteriorated. Some areas that are used as passing places have been eroded so badly, they impact on the hedgerows. In Oct 23, NCC Highways stated that an engineer has been allocated the case and would respond. There are still no developments to report.
4. **Signage** – The subject of incorrect, missing, damaged or dirty signage within the Parish has been raised a number of times. To improve this situation, Parishioners are requested to email the undersigned with a brief report on the irregularity, ideally with a photographic image, location and ultimately giving a what3words Reference.

REPORT PREPARED BY MICK DUNN – WORTHING VILLAGE HIGHWAYS REPRESENTATIVE

I received notification of a road sign that was laying on a roadside verge in Church Road close to Hoe Road, complete with photographic evidence. I lodged an official report with the Norfolk County Council Highways department and a case number was generated pending their investigations. Highways reported back that they were unable to find any outstanding issue with road signage therefore closed the case. Since checking, the road signage is nowhere to be found on the verge. To date, no further action has been taken.

The flooding on the corner of Church Road continues. A resident raised his concerns that a drain on the corner had been damaged. Eventually, this proved unfounded as I was able to direct a BT Engineer to what was in fact not a smashed drain but a broken BT manhole cover. This was quickly repaired - however, the flooding still persists after heavy rainfall.

The 30-mph speed limit signage entering Worthing Village Church Road remains clear and clean of any green growth.

Finally, the persistent problem of some drivers of large vehicles choosing to ignore the 30-mph limit when entering Worthing/Church Road still continues to be a major concern for all. Drivers apparently do not appear to care about the frightening impact they are having on pedestrians, dog walkers, families with babies/pushchairs. The sense of wantonness of the minority who are to blame astounds myself for one but am at a loss how to reach this target audience.

There appears to be a slight reduction in tractors and other vehicles driving over people's front green verges, this will be closely monitored.

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