

## **Report Looe Town Council May 2018**

### **Woodlands View retaining wall and paths works:**

Notes from residents meeting.

- Derrick J Welch Ltd of Pensilva has been appointed as the main contractor for the works.
- The estate was built in the late 1930's early 40's and some walls and paths need replacing
- The total value of works is in excess of £500k.

The scope of the works are based on the structural engineers findings and do not apply to every wall or path on the estate:

- Demolish garages and create additional parking area.
- Repairing of retaining walls
- Re-rendering walls, cleaning out existing weep holes.
- No highways paths to be resurfaced in tarmac.
- Deconstruction and rebuilding failing retaining walls.
- Repairing steps, nosing and ramps
- Removing hand railing and replacing with new.
- Replacing manhole covers.
- Start date likely to be late June with a 22 week duration. This is entirely dependent upon weather conditions and any unforeseen additions to the contract that may affect the programme and duration of the works.
- Works will start from far end of estate working on specific area at a time if retaining wall works.
- The garage area will become the site compound and welfare facilities throughout the duration of the works. When finished this area will provide additional open parking for the estate.
- Parking areas will be isolated section by section as the works progress as required.
- Access will be maintained at all time but there may be some manoeuvring. It's inevitable that there will be some disruption.
- A leaflet drop with work programme will be distributed door to door so residents can see at a glance when work will be undertaken at your property.
- Cornwall Housing Ltd will be issuing letters and collecting vehicle data so parking permits can be issued for the Millpool car park.
- A site manager will be appointed as a first point of contact to deal with any issues.
- The work programme does not include doing anything to the road pavements currently but I've taken this up separately with Highways.
- I've asked Highways to consider lowering the pavement heights and relining parking spaces.
- The turning circle wall being taken down to pavement level and rebuilt.

### **Hannafore Road resurfacing and relining**

I've spoken with Ian Bounsall, the Head of Surfacing.

He apologises that his team did not provide you with more information on the proposed works and their short duration.

The mobile surface dressing works were quickly completed in the morning, taking about 1 hour and he says the team maintained access for vehicles and pedestrians through the site.

The remarking of the white lines and virtual footway will take place later, once the new material has had time to bed in. In the meantime appropriate warning signs will remain out to warn drivers to keep speeds low.

I'll let residents know when the lining is likely to take place.

### **Hannafore Road gully**

As part of the resurfacing, the gully along the road at Pennyland Steps has been made deeper to better flow to the drain that goes under the road. This should alleviate pooling of water in this location and stop water flowing across the road.

### **West Looe Hill**

Following the camera survey of the drainage in West Looe Hill last year, the final part of the drain pipe remedial work was completed last week.

The 'sink hole' at the bottom of West Looe Hill has been repaired. It was caused when BT put in fibre connections and managed to cut through the surface water drain pipe. The pipe has now been replaced with a bigger bore pipe to improved.

### **Millpool access road trees**

The trees behind the library were heavily lopped last week to take pressure off the path and slope. We have had assurance that the slope will be stabilised behind the library and will be meshed.

### **Millpool car park**

Although I was agreeable to a small part of the end of the Millpool car park being used for car/trailer parking for people using the slip, whilst generating some income to offset against the costs of maintaining the slip, I was not kept informed of the design or work programme. My red line was no loss of public parking spaces.

There are a number of issues that need resolving including the reclining of spaces, visibility of new kerb and pedestrian access across the top of the slip to join up the paths.

I have requested a meeting with all interested parties to iron these issues out.

### **West Looe May Fayre**

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to it being such a success this year, aided by rare but welcome sunny and warm weather. Thank you to councillors who helped and of course Sheila Brock and Julie Simmons in particular for the organisation.

We have set next year's date 4th May and hope to repeat the highly successful Quiz Night at Christmas.

### **Looe Valley Line foodie guide**

A new foodie guide has been published which encourages people to take the train between Liskeard and Looe and discover the area's award-winning eateries, local produce and foodie events.

I was pleased to attend the launch this morning and highlight all the excellent eateries in Looe.

<https://greatscenicrailways.co.uk/food/looe-valley-line-foodie-guide/#map>

### **Noise nuisance West Looe**

Andrew Pittaway, an environmental protection officer made me aware that on Thursday that he and colleague, assisted by Devon and Cornwall Police, seized noise making equipment from an address in Princes Square, West Looe. The occupier of the property had been the focus of complaints from nearby neighbours who were being disturbed by repeated instances of loud music lasting into the early hours of the morning. Despite several warning letters and an abatement notice being served requiring the occupier stop disturbing his neighbours, instances of loud music recurred and were witnessed by a Police Officer. A warrant granting entry and seizure was issued by Bodmin Magistrates on Wednesday this week. Hopefully this action will prevent any further disturbances being caused.

**Cllr Mrs Edwina Hannaford**