

Colton Parish: Current Highways Issues raised with County
Last Update 23rd Oct 2016

A: ROAD SURFACE AND DRAINAGE

The following listed items are those specifically raised with Highways by Colton PC. They do not necessarily include flooding issues where Highway culverts and drains are not the main cause – these issues are raised through the Local Flood Risk Team which is multi-agency organisation – see <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/planning-environment/flooding/consenting.asp>

	TOPIC	Hotline Report Code where applicable
Oct 2016	Lowick Bridge – Road to Nibthwaite, just north of junction with Bessie Bank Lane. 2 significant bumps in road caused by tree roots.	63/WEB161412641.
1.	The causeway, Bouth (in Haverthwaite Parish, but affects Bouth residents): Deep flooding occurs here, which is not necessarily preventable, but letter written to Highways to encourage them to close the road as soon as possible to prevent emergency services call-outs and wasted resources. Still awaiting reply.	
2	Drains at Bouth Road Ends causing water to run across junction – dangerous when icy: Lengthsman has worked hard on this from time to time, but requires gully-clear out by Highways –Gully sucker sent and reported drains running clear. However, now blocked again and water still running across the junction. Lengthsman says there is water seeping from patches in the road 20 ft below the drain that the gully-sucker freed.... Tottlebank Farm asked if they could place a pipe into the drain from the trough,	
3.	High Nibthwaite: Severe wash-out from Parkamoor Green Road causes erosion and blocked drains. December flooding averted by residents diverting water into field. Dec 2015: Emailed LFRM, as a resident had already been in touch with them. No reply. However Highways attended and tarmaced bottom of lane and put in drain and grid. Grid gets regularly blocked. Local residents to check and clear?	
6.	The Syke, Rusland: Water flowing down Light Hall lane causing pooling at the bottom near The Syke. Blocked drain at bottom – Lengthsman has cleared and now pipe in wall into the field. Work was carried out on the lane in early 2015, but water still flowing down onto the road - needs re-assessing? Being monitored.	
7.	Oxen Park blocked drains Two blocked drains cause water to stream past cottages down to farm. Lengthsman has cleared but block up again within a few weeks. Suspect culvert partially blocked/collapsed under road? Clerk has referred to Highways as part of C5022 drain works.	
8.	Colton – blocked culverts again? Or maybe just water from field. Large amount of water from field coming out onto road again and causing erosion/flooding on road. Clerk to refer to Highways as part of C5022 drain works.	
10.	Dip in road by Colton Beck Cottage. Highways have investigated the site which is caused by subsidence over a high pressure gas main. They have asked the National Grid to repair (14/2/15). Nov 2015 no progress yet. Filled in the dip with tarmac but still sinking.	64/WEB141293928 Reported 17/12/14 'Track fault' says dealt with (but see left).
11.	Finsthwaite: Drainage Problems and Resurfacing request: C5049 - Finsthwaite Vicarage to Stott Park Bobbin Mill (Rock Cottage) – drainage system from beck by church overflows, erodes roadside and surface - large amounts of water sweeping down the road is breaking up the road surface - many patched potholes and very uneven surface. Highways surveyed site and were proposing works, but dropped as not on current works list for the year. Clerk to follow up – Highways have patched. Clerk will attempt to get this on the resurfacing list for next year.	10 th June 2015 - Requested for the list of carriageway resurfacing priorities
13.	Resurfacing request: U5202 - Road from Colton to Snows, past Riddingside Farm – some deep potholes, very uneven surface full of patched potholes and eroded roadside. Clerk to check progress.	10 th June 2015 - Requested for the list of carriageway resurfacing priorities
14.	Green Roads maintenance.	

	<p>No response to original letter (March 2014) nor to the reminder letter (June 2014). Cllr Barr met with Highways in September 2015 - further meeting is planned.</p> <p>Pegg Lane, Oxen Park, now high priority – impassable even on foot – deep water and mud wall-to-wall. No response from Highways management.</p> <p>April 2016: Landowner has placed drainpipes in walls. Clerk contacted local Highways officer – site visit held and propose digger to enable better drainage. Possible filler to be brought and applied – pending decision. May 2016: Highways have levelled surface so that water directed into drain holes.</p> <p>To monitor.</p>	
15.	<p><u>Beech Hill to Tottlebank X-roads:</u> Blocked drains causing water from Beech Hill gardens to flow onto road (where does this water come from?) – down to Tottlebank X-roads – dangerous when icy.</p>	<p>Lengthsman attending. Temporary fix pending landowner works. April 2016</p>
18.	<p><u>Colton Junction</u> – broken culvert cover (slate flag) leaving gap that foot could go down, or car wheel could break further.</p>	<p>64/WEB161380989 Reported 9/2/16</p>
20.	<p><u>Potholes, Corker Lane, Ickentwaite</u></p>	<p>April 2016 64/WEB161390255</p>

B: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

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1.	<p><u>Grizedale signs, Rusland.</u> Pending Highway's response to Forestry Commission. (Clerk asked David Lowe of FC if any progress 26/11/14. Responded – none so far.) The Clerk contacted the Highways Traffic Engineer who says that Highways will not pay for signs. The Clerk has put FC Grizedale in touch with Highways. 17/3/15. Awaiting outcome. April 15: FC confirmed they will pay for signs. Awaiting response from Highways. 19/5/15: Site meeting with FC and PC 1st June. FC to report on where signs needed to Highways. Nov 2015 – a year on – still no progress. Clerk to chase. FC subsequently decided not to provide signs. Council to decide next steps.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Request for SLOW sign markings on road at Oxen Park.</u> County Councillor not keen to fund. No response to email asking if the Parish Council can fund. Email received 20/2/15 after prompting: suggested that Parish Council could fund this through a private works agreement. Still awaiting information about methodology. Requested update in Sept 2015: SLOW signs might be scheduled for November 2015. Clerk sent reminder December 2015, another reminder April 2016.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Replacement white-lining at Rusland Cross junction.</u> Reported online to Highways Hotline on 17/12/14. Reply from Traffic Engineer 20/2/15: "lining added to list of road marking maintenance for next lining package in that area." Requested update in Sept 2015: scheduled for November 2015. Clerk sent reminder December 2015, another reminder April 2016.</p>	64/WEB141293641
6.	<p><u>C5023 Tottlebank road – issues with traffic speed, size and litter.</u> Clerk trying to arrange joint meeting with CCC Highways, Police, and SLDC. Police and SLDC willing to attend, but Highways said were too busy. Clerk eventually met with SLDC litter team. However, Highways have offered to place speed monitoring equipment on the road if the Council nominates locations. Litter: Clerk met with SLDC officer 6th Feb 2015 wrt litter. They will monitor the route every week and try to clear litter every 6-8 weeks. They will investigate the placement of signs as deterrent and report back. Speed: County/Police carried out speed survey using pneumatic tubes. Although 80% of traffic is going over the 30mph speed limit, they were not considered to be going fast enough to pursue speed monitoring. Also police said that there was nowhere safe to stand with a speed gun. Clerk pursuing possibility of sharing speed gun with local parishes for volunteers to use.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Bouth – repainting of yellow lines around playground and SLOW marking refreshment. No response from Highways.</u> Reported online to Highways Hotline on 8/12/14. Reply from Traffic Engineer 20/2/15: "lining added to list of road marking maintenance for next lining package in that area." Requested update in Sept 2015: scheduled for November 2015. Clerk sent reminder December 2015, another reminder April 2016.</p>	64/WEB141290911
9.	<p><u>Bouth – Traffic Speed:</u> still awaiting news of monitoring of traffic speed following installation of 20's Plenty signs.</p>	

C: COMPLETED WORKS

	<u>C5022 – awaiting replacement white-lining following re-surfacing.</u> Requested update in Sept 2015: scheduled for November 2015. Some junction lining now done. Completed.	
	<u>Replacement signpost at junction for church and Thwaite Moss, Rusland.</u> No progress. No response from Highways despite many representations. Reported online to Highways Hotline on 8/12/14. Reply from Traffic Engineer 20/2/15: "replacement depends on funding next FY and its priority against other things on the list". Enquired again in April 15 – sent photo since second finger dropped off. 22/4/15 - Reply that is on list to be replaced with new Westmorland signpost, but road safety issues will take priority. Oct 15 County Councillor has offered to fund this through his allocation. Feb 2016: Believe ordered, but nothing has yet appeared. Done! October 2016	64/WEB141290910
	<u>Tarn Potts, Newby Bridge: April 2016 – report from Highways:</u> "flooding on the C5026 Tarn Potts, Newby Bridge. We have got the drain running slowly but we can't get beyond the BT trench in the road. No surprise there then. As this is in the south bound carriageway we don't have to close the road as originally feared. We will be digging the trial hole on the trench to investigate & repair the blockage." Works completed May 2016.	
	<u>Road between Thwaite Head & the Crosslands junction. April 2016:</u> The order for the new drain at the top of the hill on the is in the system but will need a road closure – scheduled for wb 27 th June. Done	
2 nd Sept 16	<u>Rusland – Junction of C5024 and U5566 to Strands</u> - Tree in danger of falling onto road. Tree removed.	63/WEB161405118.
11 th June 16	<u>Bandrake Head:</u> between Bandrake Head and C5022 junction – hole in tarmac near bridge – large cavity underneath – reported to Highways Hotline as URGENT in 11 th June 2016. Works completed.	63/WEB161395631.
	<u>Low Nibthwaite – Lengthsman has solved.</u>	
	<u>Lakeside, Ridding Bay – Flooding on road at Lakeside, Ridding Bay</u> Highways cleared the culvert taking the old mill beck under the road and worked with the landowner on the west (upper) side of the road to ensure that the 'catch-pit' remains clear. However, the culvert taking the beck water on the east side of the road is blocked, mainly due to encroaching tree roots from Leylandii trees. Another site visit took place on 11 th Dec 2015. Clerk wrote to the landowners suggesting cooperative work to solve the problem. Some trees removed and some works done. However, Nov 2015 – flooding still occurs there. Wall has been kicked down for temporary solution! April 2016: Report from Highways: "We have excavated the trial hole C5026 Mill Stream Cottage, Lakeside & the established the depth of the services in the carriageway. Unfortunately we can't get a 450mm diameter pipe through between the water main & electric cable. We will install 2 No 300mm diameter overflow pipes in parallel from the existing pit to the culvert outfall opposite. This should address the flooding issue in this location. I have prepared the ordered & once authorized, we will get onto this one as soon as practically possible. June 2016: Works completed – issue hopefully solved.	
	<u>Waste Bridge, Colton: March 2016:</u> Bridge parapet collapsed following accident in ice Jan 2016. Highways say will be fixed late May. Works completed.	
	<u>Resurfacing request:</u> U5220 - Shive of Cheese to Ealinghearth – portion of road past the notorious pig field opposite Linsty Green wood. Still in a bad way following frequent flooding. Flooding alleviated to some degree now through absence of pigs - so surface could be dealt with. Road now patched in dip.	10 th June 2015 - Requested for the list of carriageway resurfacing priorities
	<u>Pothole between Burn Knott, Bouth and Longmire:</u> Filled.	April 2016 64/WEB161390252

	<u>Newby Bridge Halt:</u> Water flowing from beneath large slab across road - blocked culvert? Highways aware and have attended.	
	<u>Colton Junction</u> – pothole and eroded roadside between Vicarage and junction. Filled.	
	<u>Bessy Bank Lane, Lowick side:</u> water emerging from tarmac at top hairpin – causing erosion of surface and dangerous icy conditions. Road surface extremely bumpy and pitted. Highways checked and dye-tested gullies to Roadworks carried out on 1 st June 2015 for 5 days – road closure from Hill Park Farm down to Lowick. Drainage works finished and surface works completed 2015. April 2016 – road beginning to deteriorate again – monitoring.... Patched summer 2016	
	✓ <u>Low Nibthwaite:</u> Blocked/collapsed culvert (?) causing water to flow across road and almost into properties – diverted by residents and use of sandbags to prevent this happening. Lengthsman has dug out and working fine now (Dec 2015).	
	✓ <u>Replacement of stolen Oxen Park village sign.</u> Councillor Fletcher funded from his budget. Replaced April 2015.	
	✓ <u>Culvert on East side of Coniston road near Rigg Wood.</u> Clerk arranged site visit, with Highways (Dave Huck), Lengthsman and National Trust. Highways works to replace culvert planned in December. Completed. Report of excellent job done.	
	✓ <u>Finsthwaite:</u> road collapsing into beck through parking on road-side at High Dam entrance. Cllr Potts to install stones/posts to protect beck banks. Completed, but continuing to monitor the situation.	
	✓ <u>Overhanging trees at Ealinghearth</u> Longbow Forestry have agreed to cut back later in the winter – done!	
	✓ <u>Oxen Park</u> - badly broken drain cover – hazard. Reported online to Hotline 6/1/15 Drain cover replaced next day (!) – awaiting tarmac. Done!	WEB151297644
	✓ <u>Thwaite Head Farm</u> - drain badly blocked following visit from gully-sucker! Flooding into farm-yard. Reported for resident (Ms Steinert 860083) online to Hotline 7/1/15. Sent Lengthsman to attend, since nothing back from Highways. Problem now sorted.	64/WEB151298980
	✓ <u>Colton Hill</u> – drain at high point badly blocked – suspected broken culvert. Highways have investigated and found to be clear now.	
	✓ <u>Sheep-wash, north of Oxen Park</u> (junction of Hulleter/Longmire road with C5022) – drain and culvert under road blocked on blind bend – puddle extends across road. Highways have investigated and cleared all the drain culverts into the beck. Main drains have now been given kerb and head-wall to prevent vehicles from pushing mud into the drain on the corner. Outflows opened up and operating well. Clerk will then ask Lengthsman to check drains and outflows routinely.	
	✓ <u>Drain south of Oxen Park</u> – suspected culvert broken below drain – small beck from field runs down road to dip. Highways have been out to investigate with gully team. Now clear, but was a significant build-up of gravel. Trial hole will be dug to investigate and repair culvert, after April 2015. All dug out and repaired April 2015 – looking good!	
	✓ <u>East side Lake Coniston road – near Dodgson Wood:</u> Broken culvert and collapsed wall. Now repaired through collaborative working with Highways, National Trust and Colton PC Lengthsman. Repaired 2013	
	✓ <u>Colton</u> – broken culvert at Vicarage corner. Repaired 2012	
	✓ <u>Colton</u> – broken culvert near Riddingside Farm. Repaired 2012	
	✓ <u>Light Hall Lane, Rusland.</u> Repeated potholes forming because of lack of drain maintenance. Clerk and Highways met to check the problem. Ideally, need to connect the drain outfall to the watercourse in the field. Highways will investigate for a drain (tenant and landowner have been contacted.) Update 19/5/15: Drains being investigated. Road re-surfacing to take place sometime in the summer. Drainage works took place Monday 15 th June, followed by re-surfacing.	64/WEB151297043 Reported 2/1/15
	✓ <u>Hell Pot Bridge</u> (Cappy Lane). Badly damaged due to large traffic using this lane during road closures. Parapet about to collapse. Reported 19 th January. Passed to Highways Engineer. Reported again –5 th Feb. Engineer will attend when he has time.	

Bridge repaired summer 2015.	
Tottlebank Farm, C5023. Deep pothole on corner by farm. Now filled.	
✓ Stott Park: Culvert in field beside Rock Cottage – narrow bottleneck causes deep flooding. Cllr Potts and Clerk to meet with Highways officers and Local Flood Forum representative during May. Meeting took place. Larger 'smoot' holes made in wall to allow drainage – huge improvement!	
✓ Pegg Lane, Oxen Park – needs resurfacing. Reported online to Hotline 2/1/15. Now patched, pending possible resurfacing, if this can be funded next FY.	