

Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish Council

Unfortunately, the June meeting of the Parish Council was cancelled as too few councillors were able to attend for the meeting to be quorate. Since the council is now almost up to full strength we trust that this situation will be a very rare occurrence in future. Apologies to anyone who turned up for the meeting, only to be greeted by our note.

At our Annual Assembly in May our County Councillor (Tom Thacker) informed us of the road repairs that Hampshire County Council is undertaking this summer. I am sure many of you have noticed those which have already started. Within the parish we are due to have the following roads repaired:

White Hill – from Well Street to Hydes Platt

Cow House Lane – from White Hill to Adbury Road Junction

Ashley Warren Road – from Cole Henley to Sydmonton Road

Watch out for loose chippings!

Here is an extract from a HCC letter explaining the rationale behind the repairs. Those of you living on the affected roads should already have received a copy of the letter.

Operation Resilience – Carriageway surface treatment

Hampshire County Council is currently carrying out a variety of maintenance treatments based around extending the resilience and life of the footway network. Operation Resilience is essentially an investment in Hampshire's footway for the long term, marking a substantial shift in emphasis from reactive to planned maintenance – which is much more cost effective in the long run, making them more resilient to the effects of extreme weather, such as snow and ice.

The treatment is called 'Surface Dressing'. This process seals and preserves the existing surface, but will follow the existing profile of the road surface. The process is fast, efficient, sustainable and extremely effective in prolonging the life of the carriageway by sealing the carriageway from water ingress and improving grip. To ensure the success of the treatment the process includes the 'over chipping' of the surface, this does result in loose aggregate being present on the highway for a short time. The new surface will be mechanically swept after twenty-four hours and then after two weeks.

Our next parish council meeting is on Wednesday July 13th at 7.30pm in Ecchinswell Village Hall. Do come along and meet your council.

Cllr Marian Dain