

## Phil Bailey – Annual County Councillor Report – April 2015

In the past year the majority of my workload was linked to Highways and road issues.

Below is a summary of some of the key areas that were of concern last year and I want to continue next year to support similar schemes:

### **Highways Matters**

#### **Road Condition**

Patching work on the Woodman Lane/Stockbridge Road Junction – if you recall last April many of the road surfaces were in a terrible state and there were several delays in getting this work done.

Normally Highways co-ordinate works, to ensure roads are not closed on separate occasions. However the Street Works team were unable to combine the work. Also there were problems in the signage. These issues have been escalated and hopefully there will be improvements for future works.

If there are any problems please do use Fixmystreet.com to report any issues:

<https://www.FixMyStreet.com> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/FixMyStreet>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/fixmystreet>

#### **Road Safety**

Stockbridge Road – Speeding.

In October the Police carried out speed checks on the road:

The Police have confirmed that at this time it is not a road that they would consider for directed enforcement, as there is good compliance with the speed limit – the data they had showed that average speeds are 42.5mph.

Along with the Parish Council I regularly request updates on what measures can be taken to avoid future accidents occurring. We have requested additional checks to be carried out as there was concern about the methodology of the survey. I have asked Highways to carry out additional check and to see if we can get some measures to be put in place to reduce the risks of a fatal accident.

**Bus Cuts**

I am pleased to say that the No 7 bus is not subsidised by the County Council, so it was not impacted by recent round of Bus Cuts. As you may be aware the County Council supports many rural bus services which are not economically viable. There have been significant reductions in the amount spent on buses by the County Council meaning many areas facing much fewer buses. Due to the usage of the bus services by the Students at the College there is no need for subsidies.

**Grants**

I have helped to support applications for the 'Have your Say Grants' and County Councillor Grants for Lighting in the Village Hall and for improved equipment in the Playground.

I will continue to look to support similar applications going forward.

**Footpaths:**

In December works were carried out on footpath maintenance on Footpaths 3, 4, 5 and 6.

I look forward to continuing to support similar schemes in the year ahead.

Philip Bailey