

Chairman's Report – September 2023

West Carr & Wroo Road; Long Street & Swangey Lane

Upon a request from a resident, I wrote to the builder responsible for the new houses in West Carr Road (Rural). The issue raised was the erosion of the verges by vehicles connected with the development. The builder has agreed to repair the verges, as soon as the development is completed.

Public Transport

I have continued to promote the use of the new bus services. In view of the new bus service, the Flexibus service has been reduced to one day (Thursday) only. It will take passengers from their homes to Attleborough. Pick-up is around 0930hrs and the return journey is between 12 & 1pm depending upon passenger wishes.

Villagers wishing to use it will need to ring: 08000 351350

Speedwatch

This month we have been monitoring Watton Road. At the last session(8-(am), 21 vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit by more than 5mph.

Pond in Church Street

We are waiting for information from Breckland Council as to how they plan to resolve the issue; that being the unauthorised filling of the pond in front of Lakeview (aka the fisheries) in Church Street.

Planting of the Roundabout

The Horticultural Industry Scheme (THIS) made a good job of clearing the roundabout – although the pesky weeds are already breaking through again. Steve Suggitt (Plant Grow) donated 12 tonnes of soil improver – thank you, Steve – which was spread by the THIS team. We are about to purchase the plants and THIS will help with the planting but volunteers can get involved with weeding, planting and watering. Subject to the deal we are able to do with the nursey, we may need to apply for funds to purchase grass seed and bark mulch.

Flooding in Long Street

Despite two letters to the resident, upon whose land the blockage of the storm drain is located, no progress has been made. I escalated the case to NCC Highways who have written to the resident advising them that any repairs required to the road surface / verges will be charged to the resident. Hopefully this will encourage her to take the necessary action.

Highway Safety Proposals

The two proposals made to NCC Highways are yet to be judged. We remain hopeful but impatient.

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