

NMPC Verges Project Phase 2 Update – MARCH/APRIL 2022

NMPC Verges Project Phase 2 October 2021

Verges Schedule (V6) dated 20.08.2021 was used for the purpose of this meeting.

| AREA | Site Visit Outcome | Action to be taken | County Officer Response | Update March 22 |
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| GEORGEWOOD ROAD - Junction of Barnacres | A suggestion was made by Rob Cassidy that this Vergé could be adopted for 'Rewilding with Wildflowers' which he advised is currently being planted along roadside verges in Hertfordshire. | Clerk sent separate email to RC 12/10 to commence this process. | I believe RC stated its not highway. No visibility/highway issues. Ok for the rewilding. | <i>Wildflowers to plant poss. Autumn 2022</i> |
| EAST GREEN – Grasscrete recommended for both areas. | PW advised that there did not appear to be any serious safety issues and that he recommended Grasscrete to both these areas. A price for these works is to be obtained for further discussion. It was agreed that it would be sensible to allow the works to be carried out on the exposed 'Hole' in this area before any Highways works could be done. | Obtain quotes for grasscrete as an indicator for future works please | Approximate desk top cost for both areas 53m x 1.4m = 74m ² = £11,000 | <i>Works completed by BAM in March 2022. Review with NMPC on how to progress these Verges</i> |
| CHAFFINCHES GREEN | PW agreed that the tarmac should be repaired and replaced at the corner and Highways would review. | Highways to report back. | A TRO is required for all new or amended yellow lines including junction protection. Junction protection requires less consultation as HCC | <i>Highway report and recommendations required.</i> |

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| | <p>PW agreed that a TRO would not be required for the standard junction protection (white lines) to be installed.</p> <p>PW advised that they look into options and costs for this area as there are already</p> <p>Double Yellow Lines installed so an extension could be considered.</p> <p>It was agreed that it would still be difficult to stop residents parking on some of the verges. JM advised that she thought that some of the land belonged to Housing.</p> <p>Highways to report back.</p> | | <p>consider junction protection is endorsing what's in the highway code.</p> <p>Approx. desk top cost for 30m2 bitmac, 9m kerb and 7m pcc edging = £3,000.</p> | <p>Rather than junction protection another option is provide some lay-by or grasscrete parking outside 17 and 18 and protect the opposite verge with bird beak fencing. I've ordered an extent of highway plan.</p> <p>Awaiting further recommendations.</p> |
| CHAMBERSBURY LANE (above 120 past the small park) | The verges are growing back so it was agreed to Monitor this area over the coming months. | No action at the moment | Agreed | <p><i>DBC advised by Clerk that Tree Stumps had been placed on this verge. DBC Highway Fault Number 401002592341 noted on 22.3.22 as not meeting repair criteria.</i></p> |
| CHAMBERSBURY LANE (42 Highbarns next to 27 Chambersbury) | PW advised that there was no serious safety aspect at this junction as the views were | Costings and funding options to be investigated for tarmac, dropped kerb, bollards. | <p>Approx. desk top cost for 41m2 bitmac + 1 pair ped. dropped kerb + 6 bollards.</p> <p>= £6,900</p> | <p><i>To be discussed with NMPC as to if these works are to be approved etc</i></p> |

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| | <p>not obstructed so he suggested that we could extend the Tarmac Apron to create a further 2 parking spaces or Grasscrete. However, having reviewed JG (DBC) email 7.12.20 he advised that Tarmac would be installed and in keeping with what is already there.</p> <p>PW also suggested that the Kerb should be dropped to match the opposite side for the safety of Pedestrians crossing with pushchairs or for residents with disabilities. This should also be extended on the corner to Highbarns Road. PW also suggested that the concrete bollards should be installed to match what is currently installed to stop parking on the corner pavement.</p> <p>To be discussed with Councillors.</p> | | | and if so how funded. |
| BARNACRES ROAD #A (514-518) | <p>It was felt that the developers of these new houses had not provided sufficient parking which has now created over parking and the verges have been destroyed. It was agreed that the only solution would be to be either Tarmac or Grasscrete both areas. JM advised that she would speak for JG at DBC for further advice.</p> <p>To be discussed by Councillors.</p> | <p>Response outstanding from JM</p> <p>JM advised that she would speak for JG at DBC for further advice.</p> <p>Resident at 516 sent email to Clerk 7.9.2021 complaining about verge</p> | | <p>DBC and Jan to advise further</p> <p>Awaiting further recommendations especially outside No. 516.</p> |

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| PARKING at JUNCTION CHAMBERSBURY LANE/BUNKERS ROAD | We looked at the problems that are being caused at this junction due to cars being parked on the pavement heading up the hill. This has become dangerous with cars having to regularly drive on the opposite side of the road as it is blocked by parked cars. It is a matter of time before an accident. PW advised that Double Yellow Lines could be considered but would have to be initiated by Borough Councillor. Costs implication for TRO. To be discussed by Councillors. | PW advised that Double Yellow Lines could be considered but would have to be initiated by Borough Councillor. Costings required please. | See note on Chaffinches Green re junction protection. | Further report and recommendations due from Jan. Awaiting recommendations |
| NEW CROSSING AT BUNKERS PARK ENTRANCE | PW confirmed that there is a new crossing being planned for this road and he would advise further once the design is available. JM will look into this | NMPC awaiting design and update re this | I need to discuss the crossing with Jan. Following that I can provide an update. | Jan to progress the Design with Highways. Awaiting details |
| 39 MEADOW ROAD - (New Verge) | Resident raised concern about verge outside their house | | | Ask NMPC to review this area to see if repairs to verge could be carried out. |

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| Belswains Lane (and the wider parish)- new addition | Complaint received from visually impaired resident who is struggling to move around the local area due to parked cars obstructing the verges, particularly along Belswains Lane. | March 2022 NMPC requested that clerk email the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner to ask if they are able to assist under any of their road safety initiatives. | County Cllr unable to assist at this time. | Email sent March 2022 and awaiting response. Resident also asked to consider whether they would be willing to write a report for the parish magazine to help educate residents. |
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Phase 1 Agreed but Works Outstanding (funded by HCC)

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| DENES - Double Height Kerb. (Repairs to the Verge with Topsoil and Seed) | PW advised that he investigate when these approved works will commence. | Update from HCC please | Completed 19/10/2021 Photos sent to PW. Could we review with Highways and Borough Councillor for recommendation of posts or bollards to be fitted as a further deterrent now or as part of the Denes make-over. Will need to be brought back to Council for discussion. Awaiting response |
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Items Deferred (March 2022)

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| GEORGEWOOD ROAD – Junction of Highbarns | It was recommended that as the verges are not heavily damaged, which shows occasional parking, then we should leave this for the time being and monitor over the coming months | No action at the moment | Agreed. | Remove from List for time being |
| CHAMBERSBURY LANE -Junction Market Oak Lane | The verges are growing back so it was agreed to Monitor this area over the coming months. | No action at the moment | Agreed | Remove from list for time being. |
| CHAMBERSBURY LANE (87-89) | The verges are growing back so it was agreed to Monitor this area over the coming months. | No action at the moment | Agreed | Remove from list for time being. |

Items Completed (March 2022)

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| BARNACRES ROAD #B (387-425 / 423) | PW advised that works to this area have already been approved and programmed to be carried out by Highways. Double Height Kerbs will be installed and Grasscrete accordingly. | Update please on approved and programmed works | Was due 29.9.21. Update requested. | Works completed so this can be removed from the list. |
| 33 & 37 MEADOW ROAD – Grasscrete both areas. | <p>PW and JM advised that they would look into when these approved works will commence</p> <p>Resident from 39 Meadow Road raised concern about verge outside their house</p> | Update from HCC please | | Works completed so this can be removed from the list. |

Earmarked Costs to be updated by HCC/DBC

| AREA | Funded by HCC/DBC or to be funded by NMPC | Anticipated Costs |
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| GEORGEWOOD ROAD - Junction of Barnacres | | |
| GEORGEWOOD ROAD – Junction of Highbarns | | |
| EAST GREEN – Grasscrete recommended for both areas. | | |
| CHAMBERSBURY LANE -Junction Market Oak Lane | | |
| CHAFFINCHES GREEN | | |
| CHAMBERSBURY LANE (above 120 past the small park) | | |
| CHAMBERSBURY LANE (87-89) | | |
| CHAMBERSBURY LANE (Opposite No. 10 Highbarns) | | |
| BARNACRES ROAD #A (514-518) | | |
| BARNACRES ROAD #B (387-425 / 423) | | |
| PARKING at JUNCTION CHAMBERSBURY LANE/BUNKERS LANE | | |
| NEW CROSSING AT BUNKERS PARK ENTRANCE | Funded by HCC | |
| 39 MEADOW ROAD (to be agreed) | | |
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Images 39 Meadow Road

