

Meeting to discuss the resurfacing of Sole Street 4th June 2020 – 11am via Zoom

Present

Cllr Bryan Sweetland KCC, Cllr Tony Rice GBC, Simon Jones KCC, Cllr Mike Booth CPC, Cllr Matt Mason CPC, Tina Sampson – Clerk CPC

The meeting discussed the resurfacing of Sole Street due to take place in August 2020 and other items of concern around speed and safety in the area.

The Government has set aside £250 million to assist local Authorities following Covid 19. £8 million has been allocated to KCC in two tranches- the first being for £1.6 million this is for immediate schemes like pop-up barriers etc. KCC has eight weeks to deliver projects for the first tranche before the second tranche would be released. Simon Jones encourages parishes to consult with parishioners on the most needed changes to improve the area for cycles, walking paths etc. Additionally, how could the PROW network be used to better effect.

The colour of the new road surface was discussed and the reasoning behind a new black surface was explained – it is considered easier to repair, white road markings have been deemed more effective on black and there is little evidence to prove the red surface as being efficient in slowing traffic, the new black surface is also less noisy and safer.

The matter of safety at either end of Sole Street was discussed at length, specifically around where the children wait for the bus and the danger spot where people cross the road at the Church Room and the Little Shop.

It was suggested that undertaking the works overnight would be unfair and create a disturbance to residents on Sole Street.

Suggestions raised on how to improve safety –

Side lines narrowing the road
Painted footpath/cycle lane,
Painted chicanes,
Rumble strips,
20 MPH,
Signage.

Actions

- Cllr Mason to forward stats from the SID to Simon Jones
- Simon Jones:
 1. What is being done in relation to the water outside Sole Street House
TS's last response from Simon Allsopp on 29 May _Any works will need to be complete prior to the resurfacing of Sole Street, planned for August. I gather Green Lane is due to be closed by UKPN for 10 days from 24th June. That would give me a window of about 3 weeks in July for my own road closure. That should be more than enough time to carry out any new measures. However, I may try and carry out further investigation works prior to the Green Lane closure to avoid any potential delays between then and the resurfacing works.

2. Ensure Parish Council is made aware of the diversion route before the closure takes place.
3. Speak to the contractor about carrying out the work during the day to prevent noise disturbance in the residential area.
4. Speak with the schemes team to get a plan drawn up taking in to account the safety issues and ideas raised in relation to Sole Street.
5. Share the scheme with participants of this meeting