

Highways Report 4 from Jenny Harrison to BPC for meeting on Dec 2nd 2025

1. Potter Fell Road repair.

Peter Thornton indicated that a site visit / inspection was planned for the 'operations engineer' to look at the required repairs during the w/b November 3rd. A further query to PT on 24 Nov gave his response which was the inspection is 'programmed around about now'. However, there is no mechanism for him/us to know when that 'inspection' will happen, or indeed when the likely date for the actual repair is to occur.

2. Village Walkabout with PT, Oct 17th.

Will, Julie, and Derek were able to attend the re-scheduled meeting on this date.

- (a) We have confirmation now that the Burnside village 20mph 'design and consultation' is to proceed as hoped in the next round. PT agreed that an extension of the possible zone needs to include the stretch of Hollins Lane to include the level crossing. It would slow traffic and provide safety for pedestrians in that area. I suggest there is also a strong argument also that the 20 mph zone might be extended as far as the current 30mph sign, adjacent to the cricket club. Pedestrian safety in the area of the two sports clubs would then be improved as well. Discussions at a later date.
- (b) The need for refreshed white lines was highlighted. I can report today (25/11) that some line work has been done at three locations: Sharps Lane junction, junction by the church to Croppers; entry road adjacent to playground. The situation at the cross roads by the bus shelter remains a problem (3-way traffic lights) and so clearly this line work is still to be done. I haven't inspected the area opposite the shop on the old main street as yet.
- (c) Additional signage (i.e. church/playground) requested is still to be done (PT: signs always take more time).
- (d) Status of Steele's Row. It is confirmed that this road is adopted (by Highways) but it remains an un-named public highway. A PC decision is now needed to begin the process of naming it.
- (e) Proposed Zebra crossing is 'on track' and plans are to be drawn up by the end of this financial year to construct during 26/27.
- (f) Safety issues. There are remaining issue to do with dropped/damaged kerbs (Ivy Cottages), hedging trimming near footpath adjacent to river (opposite Bryce), pedestrian safety on Hollins Lane.

3. Longsleddale / Garnett Bridge Road from Bowston.

Will has asked Highways for a road sign to alert HGV drivers of the unsuitability of this road for HGVs. This follows of the use of this road by at least one HGV following a motorway closure. All wall collapses and kerb damage must be avoided.

The response from Highways is as follows:

We can confirm that our team have assessed your enquiry requesting additional signage at the location reported on Garnett Bridge Road, Bowston. The team have advised that we are aware that during emergency closures of the M6, vehicles can be diverted onto roads that are not ideally suited for HGV traffic however, at the present time it is not proposed to install new signage. Should the M6 be closed due to an emergency. please be reassured that this location will be monitored regarding your concerns raised.

Do we wish to respond to this?

4. The Village Sign for Hollins Lane

This is available now for installation by the local contractor when he can deal with this for BPC