

Highways Report 5 from Jenny Harrison for BPC meeting Feb 3rd 2026

1. Potter Fell Road repair

This has been completed successfully, in week beg, Dec 8th, with road closure for a week.

2. White lines in/around centre of village

These have all been successfully completed including the entrance from Old Main Street to Steele's Row. If you know of lines that were omitted in this exercise please let me know. I am aware that the 'Keep Clear' signage on the road within the turning area of Steele's Row (beyond the bakery) was not dealt with at the same time. I have reported on HIAMS that this is still needed.

Plus: Steele's Row is maintained by Highways although its name is not recognised by Royal Mail. This is still in need of attention by the residents and the BPC.

3. **Additional promised signage** (church/playground), and possible yellow lines at the bottom of Hollins Lane, are still to be addressed. Dropped kerbs at Ivy Cottages still to be addressed (has this been hampered by the recent UU sewage works in that area?).

Some hedge trimming opposite the Bryce has been done, but the work still leaves the footpath on the river side of the road too narrow for some users. Parked contractors' vehicles working on the house nearby are also making it very difficult for pedestrian use of the narrow pavement outside that property.

4. Zebra Crossing near Primary School

This is scheduled to start 'in the Spring' with the design work to be done initially. The project falls within the financial year 26/27 and is matched with BPC funding.

5. Bridge over R. Kent at Bowston

It appears to be under repair following a 2-vehicle incident in icy conditions. I heard the risk assessors at the scene noting there was no warning lighting on the bridge itself.

6. Village Sign at top of Hollins Lane.

I understand that Highways will let the local contractor know when the sign is ready to collect and then install. An update from the contractor would now be helpful, please. It has been agreed that Highways would proceed last July! Recent weather conditions might have delayed installation?

7. Application update on '20 mph zone' in centre of village

Engagement Meeting. Three BPC councillors were able to attend the first (online) meeting (Jan 20th) with the WandF Team. We were informed of the project as a whole, opportunities for collaboration, the anticipated time line and the initial design for the scheme.

Burneside has been selected as one of a number of identified schemes to be progressed in 26/27. A draft design was available at this first meeting for discussion.

Slides are available indicating key milestones form the 26-27 schemes. I would like these to be circulated to all BP councillors.

Initial Consultation with parish residents is scheduled for **end March/early April – May (final dates to follow) for six weeks.** This is a crucial time for informing and consulting with residents. There will be a press campaign, a dedicated web page, online questionnaire, paper versions available, posters, a leaflet drop to every property, consultation drop-in events across the area and a dedicated communication with the local school.

We can offer ‘matched funding’ in order to advertise any publicity activities (e.g. newsletters. We must encourage feedback from all residents and road users. The responses to the questionnaires will be post-coded. We need to help maximise all responses by distributing leaflets and posters, and distributing /collecting paper surveys.

Proposal. My suggestion is that this is done by mini teams covering different areas of our parish. Please give this some serious thought: our chances of success - in competitive situation with other parishes – is paramount.

I have already written a group of local people in and around The Hollins with a suggestion that we try to cover addresses for the whole of Hollins Lane and Churchill Close. I have provided them the approximate dates.

**** We therefore need named councillors who can coordinate and help cover different regions of our parish: for example,

- the centre of the village (full extent tbd),
- Burneside - Bowston area
- Burneside Road – towards Carus Green, including sideroads.
- Burneside – Hall Park
- Outlying areas of the parish (to be affected by the buffer 30 mph ones ,as well as travelling through the 20 mph zone).

‘Drop in’ Centres and times of day will need identifying too: Bryce, Church Meeting Room, Cricket Club? Please make your suggestions.

It is clear that our success is highly dependent on engaging directly with the community and the affected school. We need to identify local community representatives and councillors can play a key role here. We are a relatively small area here and so our chances of engaging with our community in responding are high. Please step forward and offer to be a community representative. I am happy to arrange an initial meeting once we know the agreed date for that six-week consultation (?just after Easter).