Report on Dowsborough Highways Subgroup meeting 25th April Spaxton Village Hall
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This was the second meeting of the group and was attended by a number of SC Officers.  The minutes have not yet been distributed but what was promised was a detailed direct contact list of emails for all the various SC Highways contacts rather than using the current anonymous web contact forms.

Time was spent on the major issue in our LCN, the state of the C182 road between Cannington and Hinkley Point.  There is serious road deformation, not just potholes.  Hinkley Point are currently negotiating their contribution to the road repairs (what proportion can be attributed to local traffic).  However, the scale of the work needed is in conflict with the current heavy utilisation of the road.

HAROLD, Hinkley Alternative Routes Operating Local Diversions, see attached document.  One of the alternative routes, if the C182 road is blocked or closed, runs outgoing light traffic and single decker buses out from Hinkley through Stogursey via Stringston to the A39 at Kilton corner.  Other diversions mainly use the Nether Stowey traffic lights.   I don’t think the PC were ever involved in negotiating this.

On a related note, all the gullies in Holford, on the A39 and entrance to Front Lane were cleared by the new SC contractors last Wednesday.  If a problem with overflowing gullies remains it will be due to pipes between gullies becoming blocked.  The equipment the contractors were using does not deal with this.  The financial issues of SC are well known but I was surprised that the SC highways team were supplemented by a lorry with two operatives from Bideford who had been contracted to assist SC Highways.

Mike Copleston 15 May 2024