



## Pulborough Parish Council

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### **A29 road partial re-opening / landslip at Church Hill – Update 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Further to the partial re-opening to single lane traffic in April, liaison with West Sussex County Council has continued around the issues and impacts of the road closure on the village. Feedback has been given to WSCC particularly regarding improvements to signage to clarify that Pulborough is now fully accessible, and emphasis on proper repairs being made to the residential routes affected by additional traffic. Below is an update received from the WSCC Area Highways Manager this afternoon:

- Dialogue continues with the landowners with the intention to secure their agreement to undertake the required works on private land.
- The 2 way signals are working well, considering the concerns that were felt by a large selection of residents and businesses prior to implementation. We are aware of an incident that occurred earlier this week with an articulated vehicle but since 2 way lights have been implemented we have received lots of positive feedback that is operating effectively, with minimal congestion and reasonable queuing times.
- We have changed the electronic signage messaging following concerns about the original message of “expect long delays”. We still want to make road users aware that 2 way signals are in place but have softened the message due to concerns that the previous message was preventing and reducing passing trade in the local area.
- We are monitoring traffic volumes and flow through Church Hill, which will occur for a month or so and will be useful data for the future.
- We are aware of how the condition of some side roads have been impacted by the increased traffic volumes, along with sections of the A283. We have identified the areas of concern and are in the process of exploring what level of works are required to resolve the current condition issues, the cost of these works and when we are able to deliver improvements whilst minimising delays and disruption. We will provide a further update on this when we know more.
- Additional highway inspections are being undertaken and have identified safety defects that meet our levels for intervention. The last inspection occurred this week and since the 7<sup>th</sup> April we have undertaken repairs to 9 potholes on New Place Road, 9 repairs on Rectory Lane and no safety issues have been identified with Link Lane.
- An instruction has been issued to remove the No Parking Cones on New Place Road, allowing for parking once again.

We will update further as additional information becomes available.