



## Pulborough Parish Council

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### **Update on A29 landslip (28.12.22) and road closure, Church Hill, Pulborough and traffic impacts**

Engineering proposals are being developed by West Sussex County Council but this is a complex problem. The banks on both sides of the road are high, steep, muddy and unstable. The land does not belong to WSCC and other landowners are involved. This will not hold up remedial works unnecessarily and such discussions can continue concurrent with the planning works. Both banks will need to be stabilised along much of their length, which must be done sensitively due to the heritage/conservation location.

Persistent rain has delayed the remedial works, which is causing further deterioration of the banks' integrity. Stabilisation work cannot be done in such wet conditions. There is no quick fix and we expect the road to be closed for many weeks. Diversions are in place. 30 additional signs have been requested, including 'unsuitable for HGVs' to be placed at appropriate locations (including Broomers Hill Lane and other local/informal diversionary routes). Balfour Beatty have installed water barriers to prevent breaching of the existing Heras fencing on Church Hill. Pothole inspections are more frequent due to the traffic volumes on minor local roads. A request has been made for the suspension of parking along New Place Road to the roundabout with Cousins Way to maintain free flowing, two-way traffic at the junction with the A29. This request is urgent due to the danger to pedestrians caused by cars mounting the pavement, particularly when school closes. The reported absence of cars parked at the weekend suggest cars are being parked by people working in the area. Residents' concerns are being noted and passed on to WSCC as seen on our website or some social media.

WSCC is implementing a second temporary road closure effective from 18.01.23 for 21 days, (Notice published on our website). This states that it is anticipated works will be completed on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

The Pulborough County Councillor, District and Parish Councillors are in constant contact with local residents, businesses, the school and WSCC Highways to manage the impact of the road closure on surrounding residential streets and ensure the views of those most directly affected are taken into consideration. Our part time Neighbourhood Wardens are in attendance as their rotas, time and other duties permit, especially in the afternoon school exit period.

Local Horsham District councillors are seeking further policing support and help from the Community Safety Partnership to manage the traffic and results of the request are awaited. As local businesses have also been impacted, further improvements to the signage to indicate they are open are being looked at. In addition, Horsham District Council will look to see if there are any support grants available. If your business has been affected, please let the Parish Council know and we will feed back details to those collating information. You can email us at [clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk).

Problems with roads, pavements, pot holes, floods, drain gullies etc can be reported online direct to West Sussex County Council at: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/>