

Dorset Councillor Emma Parker – July 2019 Report

Highways Issues

I met with Phil Goodland, Community Highways Officer, Dorset Highways, Dorset Council a few weeks ago and had a drive around the ward. Reports made were that some of the 30 signs along the Anderson road needed replacing and the hedges around them needed cutting back. I mentioned that the Parish Council (Bill) had asked me some time ago for Paul Starkey's contact details regarding having a no exit sign coming out of the junction at Zelston. Phil was unable to update on this but would be asking Paul. We also reported the road junction from the A354 to Winterborne Kingston that this is in need of resurfacing - this will be added to the schedule. I will update you as soon as this is likely to happen.

Redpost Garage

There is concern regarding the Redpost Garage, as passers by are still stopping, leaving rubbish on the forecourt and urinating against the back of the building. Also concerns about it being used for overnight stay with caravans and campers with the summer holidays approaching. I have emailed Euro Garages asking as and when it might be reopening and setting out the concerns but have had no reply. I will give them to the end of the week. I have spoken with Highways England to ask if they could remove or cover the signs up for the services to discourage people stopping and was advised this would be investigated and could take up to 28 days.

Abbots Court

I met with the Enforcement Officer regarding concerns raised over the use of the track to Abbots Court and there was found to be no issue. It's a real shame the business has now gone into administration.

Hope Willow

This is on-going. Unfortunately, the process is not a good one and is very lengthy.

I have read the minutes and have noted the flood warden's comments. I will be asked to be kept updated with any change of office that will affect the ward as it would seem some officers that I have worked with in the past have not been successful in their applications/interview for the Dorset Council. My fear all along was losing good officers.

I aim to meet with Highways and Enforcement every 3-6 months. If there is anything that you would like me to raise, then please let me know.