

From: Tom Richardson
Sent: Friday March 15 2024
To: Parish Clerk (Heyshott)
Re: Bex Mill Bridge

Hi Jane

Thank you for this.

The next step would be to complete an application for a Community Highways Scheme. The closing date for the next round is July this year so we have time to work on it.

Solar powered signs would not work here unfortunately - not only will they not get sufficient light due to the tree cover, they, along with the use of the bollards suggested, I know will attract a lot of local objections. The aim is to reduce signage on the roads, particularly rural areas as it spoils the look of the countryside.

I would suggest a CHS application that covers everything; a reduced limit, the reverse of priority and the associated signage and road markings. I would suggest applying for a 30mph limit over a distance of approximately 400m, approx 100m east of the bridge and 300m west (longer this side to take into account the bends). We would obviously need to measure these distances to confirm as the measurements above are a rough guess. The limit, mixed with the reversed priority, better signage and associated road markings should in theory solve 99.9% of the problem.

I know that we would not get the funding for additional signs or bollards as suggested by the PC - there are several high-risk routes across the county that have not yet managed to get the funding for things like this and so Bex Mill Bridge would fall way down the list, and to include them in the initial application would risk the application being rejected due to cost. The cost of the VAS, associated works for the installation plus the installation and purchase costs of the bollards would push the project over £30k. The speed limit, reverse of priority and the signs/road markings would be closer to £8k.

I will work on a drawing and suggested wording for a CHS application and send it over to you as soon as I can.

Kind Regards

Tom

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EXTERNAL

Dear Tom,

Please see attached letter from Rob about improvement works at Bex Mill bridge.

Rob would like it to go to WSCC Highways - can you please give me the address of the appropriate officer or will you forward it yourself?

Many thanks to you were expressed the other evening for obtaining the report, everyone is very grateful.

Best wishes,

Jane
Clerk, Heyshott Parish Council

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