

Good afternoon Claire,

Councillor Eagland asked me to update you regarding issues raised at your recent parish meeting. You will appreciate I am not the Drainage Engineer and as such there may be further questions the parish councillors wish to raise. I would be happy for you or your councillors to contact me when I can try to answer your questions.

After the parish were asked If they would consider match funding with councillor Eagland to enable SCC to undertake investigation works on Church Lane, Fradley. Our Drainage Engineer covers half of the county and due to large workload, he is not always able to commit to attending meetings. although I would have been happy to attend but drainage investigation works are not something I deal with or can raise works for. I asked the Engineer, and he provided me with some of the comments below. I hope the information in my e-mail will help explain what works need to be planned in order to establish what the problems are and to enable us to undertake remedial works to remove the problem.

Roy believed the investigation of the drainage on Church Lane would take in the region of one and a half days and that the machine could then be sent to Jordan Close if time was still available. The plan was that a large jet vac machine would be sent into the lane to check the system near to the old post office and near to property 80. It was expected that this would take in the region of one and a half days, but this could change depending on what was found. The machine would camera the pipes to see what the issue is that is stopping the system from functioning correctly. If time allowed the machine would then have been sent to Jordan Close. Although you will be aware a lot of work was undertaken on Jordan Close in late 2023, when a further report was raised for a blocked gully in the close a crew attended and found further problems in a different part of the road. Roy felt that we would very likely have time within the two days to check this area also, thus making the best use of the machine while it was in the village. Leaf fall and general detritus would not cause such problems being experienced on this road. The gullies were cleansed last year as part of our member funded drainage, but there does appear to be an ongoing problem and water is still holding on the carriageway when we have rainfall.

If the parish do not wish to contribute the works, it will still be completed when resource is available but won't be carried out as quickly.

Kind Regards Mary

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