

Update: March 2021

Dear Residents,

Please find a brief update from the Road Association.

We recognise that the road towards the Westgate Road end is in a particularly poor state of repair currently.

Whilst we have funds available it made no sense to repair the road over the winter period during particularly bad weather (which degraded the road worse than expected) and therefore the interval for repair was longer than we would have hoped for.

However, we met with the road contractor on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March to discuss another repair and ongoing maintenance and they will shortly send through their plan and costings for the repair and once we have seen and approved the plan, we will action this asap. From there, we will seek to action repairs and maintenance far more regularly.

Some residents have voiced their frustration with the road and as residents ourselves, we fully understand this. As we have highlighted to them individually, clearly the reappearance of the potholes so soon is less than ideal, however, other than having the road adopted, it is important to recognise that through our discussions with the road contractor, there are no single magic long-term solutions to fixing the issues with the road other than regular maintenance and we should be able to achieve this within the existing budget as long as contributions continue to be made.

Despite the reappearance of some potholes, the initial repair succeeded in as much as it provided the bare minimum build up of the road to a maintainable standard.

Therefore, it is important to continue to make contributions to the fund as requested. Simply not doing so because of the reappearance of potholes will only serve to hasten to demise of the road.

Since the inception of The Association in 2019, the directors have spent a great deal of time speaking with a variety of road contractors to identify and research various solutions at a reasonable price but they all broadly came to the same conclusion and this is the solution that we ultimately implemented with our current chosen contractor.

It has been suggested that the road needs a “layer of tarmac put down” – the association have considered all options – whilst this idea may seem like a fix-all - it is simply not a workable solution for our road, without proper foundations the tarmac would simply buckle and break. Equally, we would remind residents that The Association was never intended as a campaign group to have the road adopted as per the rest of The Avenue but simply a transparent vehicle through which we could raise funds and make repairs to the road in its existing format.

As per previous updates, we continue to welcome applications to become a director in The Association.

Thank you again to all those that continue to make contributions.

