

## **Durweston Bridge – forthcoming closure information – posted 11 January 2019 by Parish Clerk**

This information is of significant importance for the residents of the village and Parishioners concerning the proposed Durweston Bridge closure for remedial structural work. I would politely ask that it is shared with your neighbours and residents. Parishes along the A350 and A357 have also been informed.

Following DCC Cabinet approval to allocate funding for the project I now provide the following updates:

### **Consultation**

The proposed scheme for the Durweston flood arches consists of the removal of existing deteriorating structures with new precast concrete structures. The narrow embankments in between the structures along the section of highway are to be realigned with a slackened slope. The completed scheme will consist of new structures with a design working life of 120 years and widened embankments that provide adequate support to the highway. The replacement and modification works will address concerns about the condition of the network and provide verges, improving the safety of this section of A357 highway network for users with a significantly lower maintenance demand.

Full details of the scheme will be presented in the planning consent application that will be submitted to the Dorset County Council planning authority by 11<sup>th</sup> January. The consultation period for the application should start no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> February, lasting a period of 21 days. Durweston Parish Council will be consulted directly by an officer from the planning authority. Local businesses and residents will be able to comment via the online planning pages or by post. Once the application has been registered, I will send an email or to all stakeholders notifying them of the planning consent application number.

Consultations with the landowner who owns the fields on both sides of the highway as the works requires some land acquisition and a license to temporarily use land for construction works is being put in place. Details of the scheme are currently being reviewed by the landowner and their agent. The scheme also includes the replacement of the estate fencing running along the section of highway.

### **Diversion Route**

The temporary traffic regulation order for the scheme (applying for the road closure) will be submitted to DCC's traffic team by 11<sup>th</sup> February. This will need to follow A class roads as the road DCC are closing is of the same classification. Attached is a map showing the proposed diversion route, which is approximately 45 miles in length. Following the submission of the application to the traffic team DCC will formally consult with the stakeholders who could be affected by the closure, including (but not limited to) emergency services, parishes, farmers, businesses and bus services.

The closure will have an impact on school bus routes and DCC have agreed that it is important to not disrupt these routes during exam periods. DCC have identified that that the least disruptive time complete the road closure will be 4 weeks starting from the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The road closure will start at the end of the GCSE exam period and finish prior to the school holidays commencing.

### **Work Start Dates**

The proposed timings of work are the date for the road closure. Please see dates below

- **Late March 2019 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019: Mobilise on site, commence required works in fields on either side of the highway.**
- **24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019: Complete structures replacement works under a full 4-week road closure.**
- **21<sup>st</sup> July to- mid August 2019: Highway re-opens to traffic. Complete embankment works and parapet installation using temporary traffic management**
- **The dates will be subject to the result of the planning application submission, landowner negotiation and the diversion route application.**

I will request this information is carried in the February 2019 edition of the Shroton Lines and update the Parish Council for its parishioners on developments/information as it occurs.

Thank you for the time taken in reading this message  
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