

Lifton Parish Council Meeting – 27th March 2025
Agenda item 6.1 – Highways Update

The following notices/issues have been reported to or from Devon Highways since the last meeting, as follows:

W251843113 - Pothole, Pothole (Single or multiple) - Location: Leat Road, Lifton.

Thank you for taking the time to submit this report. What action has been taken?

The problem you have raised has been investigated by an inspector, whilst we have identified the issue, it does not meet our criteria for repair, therefore we will not carry out any repairs at this time.

W251843432 - Defective Road Markings/Signs, Defective Road Markings (Yellow) - Location: North Road, Lifton. Thank you for taking the time to submit this report. What action has been taken?

Thank you for your enquiry. Whilst the road markings are faded they are still enforceable by our civil enforcement officers. Should you feel that parking outside the school has become an issue you can report this and the CEO will attend the area.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-parking-problem/>

W251843435 - Thank you for the following report: Problem: Defective Road Markings/Signs, Public Information Portal Defective Road Markings (White). Location: North Road, Lifton. Date Reported: 17-March-2025. What happens next?

The details have been sent to our team so that an assessment can be carried out. We anticipate that this assessment will be completed by 24/03/2025 12:16:00

W241775805 - Overgrown Vegetation - Location: Fore Street, Lifton. Thank you for taking the time to submit this report. What action has been taken?

Thank you for your enquiry. We apologise for the delay in responding which has been largely due to resources and workload following several severe weather events.

We can confirm that the Neighbourhood Highway Officer has attended site to carry out an assessment of these trees and can report their findings as follows. The height clearance of the trees has not been classified as a safety defect as they are only low at the edge and they are situated on a residential lay-by. With regard to the light issues, we can advise that, in common law, residents don't have a legal right to light that may be blocked by a Devon County Council tree and we aren't required to cut back or remove the tree/s. We only take any action on trees that pose a safety risk to the highway.

Evidence would be required that TV signals are being affected by these trees. We would also mention that these are mature trees which have been at this location for many years and no other reports have been received regarding TV signal issues.

Other highways matters:

Faulty streetlight 1 on Hannaford Road, Lifton – Response from DCC Lighting Team: Our operatives did attend this light and identified a supply fault caused by vandalism where National Grids cables connect to the streetlight.

We have passed a power supply fault to National Grid as they own the supply cables. National Grid have raised work, reference 5439323 and provided us with a target date of 03/03/2025. Unfortunately, it appears as though the repairs are yet to be completed as they remain outstanding on National Grids fault list. As this is a National Grid fault, we at DCC do not own the supply cables so are not permitted to attend or attempt repair.

Should you require an update from National Grid, their enquiry number is 0800 096 3080. If you do phone National Grid, please be sure to specify that you would like an update on the repair of the supply cables, not the streetlight, as National Grid will refer all streetlight enquiry's back to us. We apologise for the inconvenience caused whilst this fault is on-going.

Lifton Community Speed Watch Group: A speed data report will be circulated before or at the meeting.