

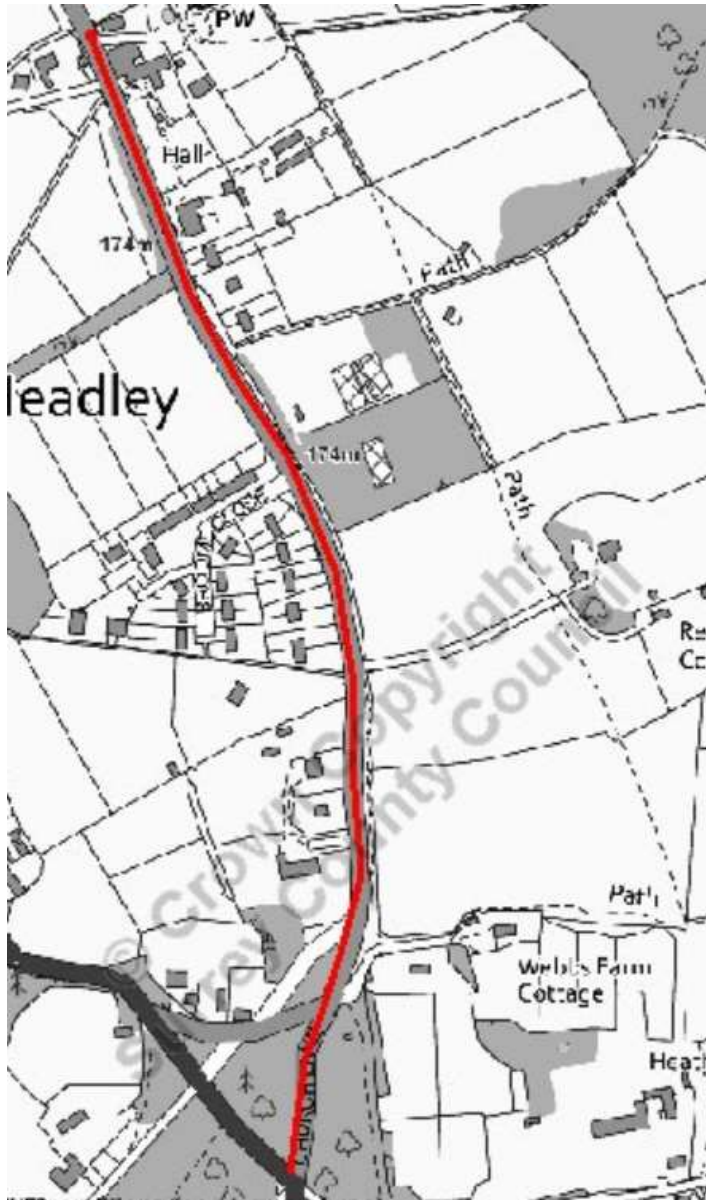
HEADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

SES Waterworks February 3rd 2020

Phase 1 on Church Lane ending at Leech Lane



Between the 6th of January 2020 and February 8th 2020 (5 weeks) SES have completed around 425 meters of new watermain, however for the first two weeks or so this had to be trenched rather than bored and hence progress has improved, however due to the location of other services trenching has been resumed for the current section to the front of the Cock Inn pub.



From the current point (08-02-2020) there is around a further 800mts of works required to reach Leech Lane which is scheduled for completion by August 2020 but it is hoped that it will be earlier.

Key points for consideration:

- 1) Not possible to control traffic with traffic lights because the road is too narrow.
- 2) Slough Lane and Tumber Street will remain closed for all through traffic. This is based on previous experience when heavy traffic clogged up the road which is effectively one way. SES currently intend to keep the closure by the Forge with the diversions marked and a "Residents only" sign up Church Lane. There will be a movable barrier across Church Lane so that residents can move the barrier go past and restore it, while non-residents will not have access.

- 3) Resources is an issue because of lack of skilled personnel and experience has shown that it is counterproductive to have too many workers at the same time. However, SES are endeavouring to schedule a second gang as soon as the current phase of trenching is completed in the area to the front of the Cock Inn, which is expected to be in two weeks' time.
- 4) This is now a critical job in view of the condition of the pipes and has been in the planning for the past 5 years.
- 5) SES intend to bore wherever possible to save time but this will not be possible for example at the current phase of by the Cock Inn due to services crossing the road.
- 6) Access to St Marys Church from Ashted is expected to be available from Mid-March.
- 7) They will lay the main pipe in stages which then requires careful validation and then the second gang will connect the individual properties which takes 3/5 days for each connection.
- 8) The hours the workers are attending site is being reviewed and there is a possibility that surfacing work may be done on a Sunday, plus an intention to extend working hours as the daylight hours increase.
- 9) The PC expressed concern at the length of time this work is taking and the disruption to the village including local businesses and agreed to meet with Terry Hinkley every 2 weeks to monitor progress. Therefore, it was agreed that the main pipe would be installed up to houses midway past the village hall within the next 2 weeks. (see map)



- 10) Phase 2 between Leech Lane and Pfizer's roundabout will commence immediately when this work is completed and there will be no road closure as traffic will be controlled with traffic lights. It has not yet been decided from which end this work will commence.