

## **Earith Parish Council Information regarding Earith Causeway A1123**

The road is a Causeway and the meaning of a Causeway, according to Wikipedia, is thus *A causeway is a track, road or railway on the upper point of an embankment across "a low, or wet place, or piece of water"*

The road itself forms part of the flood plain which is why it floods in periods of high water.

Earith Parish Council are constantly in touch with the County Council Highways Department about issues linked to the Causeway and the list below highlights some of the improvements that we have accomplished together. Changes to roadways of any description take time and money to accomplish and are not an immediate snap decision and are taken only when priority dictates. Watch this space to find out when further improvements will be made following collective working with all stakeholders.

2006-2008 Parish Council (PC) request Cambridgeshire County Council (CC) for footpath between bridges

2012 PC contact CC re river road flooding

2013 road built up slightly following road survey by CC Feb 2013

2013-2017 Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) provided rudimentary green footpath along floodplain for people to access RSPB site from Earith Memorial to Earith High Bridge along field edge

2013 PC contact CC re removal of road improvements from central funding

2015 PC contact CC re removal of carriageway repairs for the Causeway on the transport delivery system for 2015-2018

2015 PC contact flood and water team re consultation on Cambridgeshire's Strategy for Flood and Risk Management

2016 CC added the depth monitoring device and flashing lights which have been designed to allow passage through 6" of water

2017-2018 Local Highways Initiative (LHI) bid re changes to speed buffer zone and road island at Willingham end of village

2018 LHI bid agreed for traffic calming and changes to speed limits at A1123 Willingham end

2019 – 2020 Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed (MVAS) signs to register speeds

2020 - 2021 PC contact CC re three road closures due to flooding

PC working with Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) to check and clear drains during period of heavy rain

PC monitor water levels in field drains and ensure that they are maintained by landowners

2022 – 2023 CC reintroduced cyclical drain clearing in their maintenance schedules

2023 PC supports the 20's plenty campaign

2024 20mph bid accepted by CC to be implemented in the 2025/26 schedule