

Irnham Parish Council – Meeting with LCC Highways

Tuesday 17th February 2026, 1.30pm, Bulby

Issues to raise and Actions agreed: (Updated 08/05/2026)

1. FixMyStreet Ref: 2871508 (Outside Keeper's Cottage)
 - Reported 22/01, 26/01 Issue more complicated, 29/01 Acknowledge gully/system blocked but no further action – case closed.
 - **Agreed Action – All Gullies/drains in Bulby will be jetted on 17/18th March**
Work completed

2. FixMyStreet Ref: 2871299 (Opposite pumping station near footpath sign)
 - Reported 21/01, 26/01 Issue more complicated – take on for further investigation, 27/01 works planned.
 - **Agreed Action – All Gullies/drains in Bulby will be jetted on 17/18th March**
Work completed

3. FixMyStreet Ref: 2871515 (Outside Fallowfield House)
 - Reported 22/01, 28/01 Issued work to one of the delivery gangs
 - **Agreed Action – All Gullies/drains in Bulby will be jetted on 17/18th March**
Work completed

4. FixMyStreet Ref 2825249 (Field gate entrance immediately to left of Hall Farm, Bulby)
 - Reported December 2024, 16/12/24 LCC are taking enforcement action
As far as we are aware there has been no work done and the volume of water pouring out of a blocked/broken pipe, from this direction, is now the major cause of flooded roads, gardens, drives, sewage systems in the village and comes close to at least two properties.
 - **Agreed Action – All Gullies/drains in Bulby will be jetted on 17/18th March**
Work completed – water is now flowing. If further problems occur that will be the responsibility of the landowner.

5. Standing water opposite Fairways
 - This has been reported on numerous occasions. There is no drain on that side of the road.
 - **Agreed Action – drain or alternative solution needed opposite Fairways**
Not resolved as of 08/05/2026
 - FixMyStreet Ref 2866527 (Drain outside Willow House) reported 20/12/25
 - **Agreed Action – All Gullies/drains in Bulby will be jetted on 17/18th March**
Work completed

6. Bulby Ford
 - Two cars have been stuck in flood water on the Bulby side of the bridge over the ford since Christmas. The water floods up to at least the 'Try your brakes' sign. Previously a car with three teenagers inside was swept away under the bridge.
The new signage has still not solved the original problem of cars getting stuck which is why the Parish Council approached Highways in the first place.
Would a sign 'Road liable to flooding' be appropriate?

- Agreed Action – Add a sign on the back of the two signs near the ford which say ‘Try your brakes’ to say ‘Road liable to flooding’
Not resolved as of 08/05/2026
- Agreed Action – request for water depth gauge location to be changed so that it can be seen by drivers before entering the water
Not resolved as of 08/05/2026

Several road warnings have now been in place for a considerable time near the ford. When is work planned at the ford?

- Agreed Action – Highway’s Officer to request Safety check on bridge over ford
- Agreed Action – Establish what the plan is for work at the ford
No follow up as of 08/05/2026
- The directional sign at Bulby junction was removed in 2021 when new signage about the ford was erected. On 19/04/21 Highway’s Officer agreed to reinstate it. This has still not been done.
- Agreed Action – Highway’s Officer to revisit this
No follow up as of 08/05/2026

7. Passing Places on Bulby Road

- On 05/12/25 Ashley Behan confirmed that LCC and Anglian Water would meet the Parish Council as the possible passing place had been overlooked. Meeting with the PC has still not been set up.
- Agreed Action – Highway’s Officer to follow up. The Parish Council would like a Passing Place, where the pipeline work was, on the left hand side as you drive down towards the ford. This would help protect the verges on this single track road.

Work completed

8. Sign at the junction of Hawthorpe Road and Bulby Road between Irnham and Hawthorpe

- This was reported years ago and is now much worse than when first reported.
- Agreed Action – Highway’s Officer has photograph of the damaged sign and will see whether this needs replacing.
No follow up as of 08/05/2026

9. Telecom work in the road near Griffin, Irnham

- Irnham PC are concerned that the newly resurfaced road in Irnham, which was dug up for telecom work, has not been reinstated well. The repair has sunk considerably.
- Agreed Action – Highway’s Officer has photograph of poorly completed work and confirmed that the reinstatement needs redoing. Work completed.

10. Large hole at the side of the road on the approach to the bridge from Hawthorpe

FixMyStreet Ref: 2852604

- Irnham PC have been informed that the owner of the cable in the bottom of the hole is unknown and therefore no work planned. This is potentially a dangerous situation as at this point there is no verge, just a drop into the ditch.

- Agreed Action – Highway's Officer to find out what is proposed as hole has been marked with yellow paint
- Agreed Action – Solution needed to flooding on the road at this point. Agreed that best solution is to remove a pipe which is blocked and dig a ditch to enable the water to run off the road. Who will action this?

The hole in the road has been repaired but the erosion of the bank has not been resolved. The flooding in this area has also not been resolved.