

Oakington & Westwick Monthly Report – February 2026

Cllr Luis Navarro

Full Council

The County Council's Full Council will meet on **Tuesday 10 February** to vote on the **budget and business plan for 2026/27 to 2028/29**.

Parish Councils Meeting with Highways Officers

I have arranged for the **quarterly meetings with our local highways officers to resume**. There have been some recent staff changes, but once the new officers are in post, I will share **proposed dates** for meeting with them.

Potholes

The Council has **significantly increased** the number of highways crews dealing with both temporary and permanent pothole repairs across Cambridgeshire.

Ordinarily, there are **eight repair crews and two "dragon patchers"** operating countywide. This has now increased to **thirty crews**, alongside the two dragon patchers, which will **substantially increase the number of repairs completed each week**.

Winter conditions typically lead to a higher number of road defects, as wet and freezing weather causes worn areas of carriageways and pavements to deteriorate more rapidly.

Since **2023/24**, capital funding for highway maintenance in Cambridgeshire has increased by **£35 million**, rising from **£24 million to £59 million**. In **2025/26**, the Council allocated **over £73 million** for highways maintenance, adding **£20 million** to the amount provided by Government, and it expects to make a similar commitment again in the coming financial year.

Clashing Road Works

With a large number of roadworks taking place recently, there has been a heightened risk of **conflicting closures and confusing or misleading signage**.

The **24/7 closure of Twentypence Road between Wilburton and Cottenham**, for two months, to allow long-delayed works by Anglian Water, has caused **significant congestion on the A10**.

A proposal to close the **B1050 between Earith and Willingham**, from Roseberry Holiday Park to Willingham Co-op, at the same time would have **considerably worsened the situation**. Working in liaison with the County Councillors for **Wilburton and Willingham**, we were able to **secure a delay** to these works until after Anglian Water's works on Twentypence are completed.

Mansell Wood Bridge

The contractor did not attend in **December**, as previously agreed, to complete the works. However, a **new crew attended last week** and the issue has now been addressed.

Right Bend Sign

I am **continuing to chase officers** regarding the right bend warning sign. I understand that priority has recently been given to **pothole repairs following a particularly difficult winter** (see above).

Locks on Longstanton Road

I have passed the **exact location** to officers so that new locks can be installed. I have not yet been able to confirm whether the gates have now been fitted with the new locks.