Beyton Road, Thurston – Dropped Kerb Improvements

Thurston Parish Council

Paper: Beyton Road dropped kerb improvements - Agenda Item 12i
Reason: To consider a request from County Councillor Matt Bentley for the Parish Council to contribute towards cost of proposed dropped kerb improvements on Beyton Road, outside Cracknell's Garage, and to agree any contribution
Period covered: 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027
Presented to Council: Full Council Meeting 4 November 2026
Date: 29.10.26
Author: Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) (on behalf of the Clerk

Summary

Following complaints received from wheelchair/mobility scooter users about the state of the pavement by Cracknells, Cllr Bentley met with a Highways engineer at the site to discuss options.

Below is a quote for repairing the kerb section to the left of the forecourt.

Cllr. Bentley states that he is happy to fund this from his highways budget however as that has to last him 2 years, he would appreciate it if the Parish Council would be willing to part fund the project.

Quote from SCC Highways – Beyton Road – (outside Cracknell's Garage) – dropped kerb improvements

Contained within email dated 24.09.26 from Cllr. Bentley

"Following your recent contact with Suffolk Highways regarding the implementation of dropped kerb improvements (accompanied by white, intermittent markings) on Beyton Road in Thurston, our LHB design engineers have prepared you an estimate which includes both professional services and construction costs.

Please note we have not included a price for patching/levelling the carriageway directly outside of Cracknell's garage.

Professional services	£1,858.83
Traffic management (assumed temporary traffic signals)	£1,192.53
Construction	£1,350.46
Total estimated cost	**£4,401.82**

The above figures are estimated and at this stage, no detailed design work has been undertaken. While we have tried to predict the costs associated with this project as accurately as possible, we have included a 10% contingency percentage to mitigate financial risk, should any unforeseen issues arise. Rest assured, we will remain in contact with you throughout the scheme's lifecycle and provide you with updates accordingly.

Professional service includes for:

- Site visits
- Consultation with third parties
- Hazard identification and risk assessments
- Temporary traffic management plans
- Utility enquiries
- Overhead cable assessments (if required)
- Compiling a works pack

Construction estimate includes for:

- Labour, plant and materials
- Road space booking
- Advanced public notification and communication (where necessary)
- Installation, maintenance and removal of temporary traffic management
- Site supervision
- Reinstatements and ‘making good’

Further details as to indicative design proposal

Contained within email dated 09.10.26 from Cllr. Bentley

SCC Highways are proposing to replace the four broken kerbs with new, bullnose kerbs (laid with a 0-6mm upstand).

The existing footway will be extended slightly toward the garage access, to accommodate a sufficiently wide dropped crossing point.

This will require a small area of heavy-duty footway reconstruction, due to concerns regarding vehicle overrun.

They haven’t included any carriageway patching, which may be needed to ensure a level, safe surface for crossing pedestrians.

There was a suggestion from Melanie Hall, (Highways engineer) that this maintenance could possibly be picked up by their reactive team – Cllr. Bentley is advised to speak to her about that in more detail.

Pictorial images of proposed work

