

Methodist Chapel Church Street Holloway

Meeting held 1 November 2021

Present:

Cromford PC

DLHPC

DCC representatives – Councillor David Taylor, Councillor Athwal

Notes from the meeting

DCC representatives explained the following;

- The road closed on 16th Jan 2020. No approval for the money to undertake the repair was given until August 2020.
- Eurovia were then contracted and work began, 6 months later, in Feb 2021.
- Work commenced and the piling platform built
- In May 2021 heavy rain caused the platform to move and evidence appeared that the land is still slipping. This has been monitored daily since for further signs of slippage by Eurovia
- Drains were built at the back of the platform to ensure water is directed away from it and removes the risk of the platform moving
- Since the drains have been built the sub-contractor refused to continue with the project as they were not prepared to take the risk of the piling platform moving and potentially losing heavy plant as a result of the movement.
- Contractor and sub-contractor parted company over this issue and a new subcontractor is now on board. The subcontractor is now Roger Bullivant who are Piling and Foundation Engineers with over 40 years' experience and state on their website that they are "As specialists in our field, we are experts in the design and construction of foundations for all types of buildings and structures across every kind of ground condition." <https://www.roger-bullivant.co.uk/>
- Roger Bullivant has signed up to the project and DCC are now in consultation with them to produce a programme of work for both the design solution and timescale for the project and end date for the road to reopen. Eurovia and Roger Bullivant were due to meet 2 November to start discussing design work.

All parties explained that communications are a real issue and that timely updates were not being received in a consistent manner. In addition, information around progress or lack of it was not forthcoming as to the actual 'position' of the project. DLHPC explained that they needed to leave the meeting with information to update parishioners and to satisfy frustrations over the delay. This was accepted by DCC and they agreed that they would ensure we receive fortnightly updates ahead of any media articles appearing in local papers, and that as soon as the project timescales are agreed they will send them to us. Estimated to be by Monday 8th November.