

## **A statement from your Parish Council regarding the Leashaw Landslip October 8th 2023**

Parishioners will have seen the latest bulletin from Derbyshire County Council regarding the landslip on Leashaw. It is viewable on this site. This was received just a couple of hours prior to the October 4th meeting of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council reviewed the statement at its meeting and noted, with disappointment and dismay, that it still offered no long-term solution to the restoration of Leashaw and its return to full two-way working. The present position of DCC is to offer our community just the *possibility* of one-way working. The bulletin contained no reference to a design solution for Leashaw, a budget for its implementation, nor a timescale for its completion.

November 30th will mark the fourth anniversary of one of our three access roads being closed due to landslip. That represents not only massive additional cost and inconvenience to Parishioners, but also risk and uncertainty for local businesses, disruption and delay for farm traffic and the diversion of bus and emergency services.

The Parish Council is now greatly concerned that Derbyshire County Council has so far failed to propose a long-term solution for Leashaw and is now stating that its overall finances are slipping towards insolvency. <https://www.itv.com/news/central/2023-09-21/is-derbyshire-county-council-on-the-brink-of-bankruptcy#:~:text=Has%20Derbyshire%20County%20Council%20declared,million%20dent%20in%20its%20budget.>

The Parish Council is engaging with our local MP as, we were all informed via recent political reporting, that new funds are to be made available for road repairs following the cancellation of phase 2 of the HS2 programme.

Your Parish Council is determined *not* to accept a one-way working stopgap solution being provided in lieu of a properly-engineered, full restitution of two-way working on Leashaw. Temporary one-way working is acceptable provided there is an undertaking from DCC of full repair. Parishioners know that there are other sections of Leashaw that are in a perilous condition.

We desperately need adequate investment in our access routes if the villages are not to become isolated, inconvenienced communities which are left behind. Such fundamental provision is both our expectation and our entitlement.

