

Committee: Planning, Highways and Transport

Date: 7 March 2023

Title: Electricity works in Ilminster Town

Purpose of Report

National Grid to carry out works in Wharf Lane, Silver Street and Court Barton

Recommendation:

Members to note the contents of the report.

Report:

1. The Town Council has been notified by National Grid of major electricity works that will be taking place in Ilminster during the summer. The details provided so far are below:

National Grid need to carry out works on the low voltage electricity network in Ilminster town. We will need to excavate the length of Wharf Lane, across Silver Street and up Court Barton.

The work is to provide a upgraded electricity supply to the Church and improve the networks reliability.

To deliver the project, we need to close the path between Silver Street and Wharf Lane, and Court Barton between the Church and Silver Street.

I am soon to submit an application to Somerset council to arrange the closures.

We plan to complete the works during the schools summer holidays, starting Monday 24th July 2023 and completing approximately on the 12th September 2023.

The path between Silver street and Wharf lane will not be closed for the duration, but there will be a period of about three weeks where it will be closed. (We are still working on exact dates within the project timeline).

I have started to contact business in the area about the works, to discuss how it will impact them, and how we can work together to lower the disruption.

Once all business have been spoken with, I will then start to contact local residents about the plans.

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Would you like to have any input at this planning stage? Do you know of any events in the town around the above dates which could be impacted by the work? Is there a town newsletter or any social media platforms where we could write a short piece to inform people of the works alongside our usual letter drops.

2. The Head of Herne View has met with Western Power to discuss the plans with them and is pleased with the response to ensure that safety is maintained with respect to the school during the period of the works.
3. It is suggested that officers meet with representatives to ensure that any concerns raised by this committee are made known and that any further information be sent to members in due course.

**Mark Tredwin
Town Clerk
March 2023**