

MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

Maintenance Committee Meeting 21 April 2022

Item: MA204/21c) Uneven surface in Littlehands car park

Although this is not a new situation a recent incident has impelled me to bring it to the attention of the PC to see what improvements can be made.

The recent heavy use of the grassed section of the car park has compressed the ground to below the level of the adjoining hard standing leaving a significant step. Over the some twenty metre long junction the difference in levels reaches about 100 mm (4 inches), which constitutes a very significant tripping hazard, particularly as the worst areas are nearest to the corner gate used to access the bowls club but also the childrens play area.

This has been an area of concern to me for some time but on Friday night when we left the bowls club after our whist evening at about 10 pm it was very dark, raining heavily with sleet and snow, rendering our hand torches of limited benefit, one of us did trip and fell heavily on to the concrete. Fortunately he only suffered grazes rather than broken bones but it could have been far worse as he fell right in front of a car preparing to leave whose driver was unaware. Thankfully the car passenger did see the fall and gave the warning, otherwise the consequences would have been unthinkable

In the circumstances I am asking that the PC look at the situation and see what short term measures can be put in place to remove the hazard. Thanks for your help.