

**Parish & Town Council Conference**  
**21 October 2015**  
**Bradford & Cookbury Village Hall**  
**Breakout Sessions**

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## Group 1

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- More local information sessions
- Grass cutting
- Council decisions not filtered to DCC officers
- Neighbourhood highways managers – some of us have not got a highways contact – everybody needs to know who these are and how to contact them
- Communication of training available to help community volunteers
- Works towards a parish plan
- Transfer of assets to communities to enable works to take place
  - Manage it ourselves
- Good two communication
- Storage of assets locally to parishes – salt
- Contracting in our own help

## Group 2

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- No positive feedback in response to a query
- Call is logged but no further response
- Need contact number of a local neighbourhood officer
- Inform parish councils of your schedule of works so we know what is planned to avoid volunteers doing unnecessary works. They are happy to do plenty.

## Group 3

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- Mandatory road signs
- Fair weighting to road effects in rural areas;
  - bus routes, school, forestry, lorries, and agricultural machinery
- Public liability
- Quality control

## Group 4

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- There are key roads into communities that may not be high category
- Some roads that are treated that are of little benefit to most road users
- When was the road last inspected?
- Feedback – no fault found – yet there is a fault. Can this be more helpful?



## Group 5

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- Working with communities
- Who do we need to contact
  - Need direct communication e.g. P3 = Ros Davies
- Road warden needs dedicated local officer
  - Direct dial
- Needs formal document for parish council;
  - terms and conditions
  - insurance
  - what can we do?
  - if wardens will 'x', you will do 'y', e.g. we clear gullies (saving SWH £1000) so SWH do £1000 additional work in parish.
- Free road signs
- Direct communication with local highways depot
- Give parishes active in road warden scheme incentive – reward effort