Pedestrian Verge Proposal

West Itchenor Parish Council is concerned about the potential danger to pedestrians walking on Itchenor Road between the Church and the Southern Water pumping station (near the Black Bungalow). There is very little verge available on either side of the road for walkers (and dogs) to keep clear of often fast moving traffic.

Itchenor residents have previous expressed their reluctance to creating pavements or increasing the amount of street furniture. This view is supported by the Parish Council.

One possible solution is to clear and level an area between the Church and the driveway to the Black Bungalow on the northeast side of the road. We think there is just sufficient width available between the boundaries of the Church car park and Black Bungalow and the road. Once cleared the area would need to be kept mown or strimmed, but it is intended that the verge remain as natural as possible, whist still providing an easily accessible refuge.

Any clearing of this area would involve the removal of some small trees. Since the verge is in the Conservation Area permissions would be required from Chichester District Council as well as West Sussex County Council (who control the road verge).

The Parish Council welcomes comments from local residents and organisations on the above proposal before making a firm any decisions or applying for permissions.