

Summary
Public Consultation held on Thursday 3rd October 2019
held in Bibury Village Hall
with regards Parking and Speeding Issues.

Approximately 80 people in attendance.

Cllr Richard Williams opened the meeting by reminding those present that at the Annual Parish Meeting (held every May); residents can speak directly to representatives from the Parish Council, District Council, County Council, Police and National Trust.

PARKING

Cllr Williams then explained the legalities around Yellow Lines, what the Parish Council has tried to do and information on Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO). See presentation slides for more detail.

PARKING - Questions / Points of View expressed:

1. Why can't we have double Red Lines; that way there no parking or offloading is permitted?
2. A new coach park would encourage more coaches to come to the village.
3. What is the objective: are we trying to accommodate the visitors OR are we trying to discourage coaches
4. Could we charge for parking and if so could we benefit from any fees/fines?
5. Who would enforce any new regulations?
6. Can we have a volunteer Special Constable?
7. There are locations of special interest in the UK where coaches have to book and pay for a time slot – maybe we could investigate this option?
8. The road surfacing is suffering due to the sheer amount of traffic.
9. We should be discouraging visitors.
10. Police have clamped down in other areas of the numerous mini buses / people carriers that are not licenced.
11. In Ablington, several residents have had to put white posts up to protect their properties.
12. Can we introduce a resident only parking scheme?
13. Lorries are ignoring the weight restriction on the bridge. (The weight limit doesn't apply to buses and coaches).
14. Enforcement is key – could we arrange for a solid two week block on enforcement, which would send out a strong message.
15. Damage to walls and obstruction are now an issue, that wasn't happening a few years ago.
16. Should we introduce double yellow lines along the Coln Road?
17. Upon residents reporting issues to Highways, their response is that they are monitoring the situation.
18. Traffic queues often extend all the way back to The Pike.

19. There has been an increase in tourists and it is now all year round (where previously it was from April – September).
20. There will be a need to ensure that any new measure implemented, doesn't just push the issues further up the Cirencester or Burford Road.
21. Why would we want a new coach park? (*A show of hands indicated an overwhelming objection to creating a new coach park*).
22. Should we be doing more to discourage the numbers of visitors and coaches? (*A show of hands indicated that the vast majority would like to reduce the number of visitors and coaches*). Concern was raised if this could hurt some of the businesses.
23. Could we raise money to pay for extra enforcement?
24. Should we be doing more to educate those who are marketing Bibury?
25. How would residents feel about introducing lots of CCTV? (Those present expressed concerns).
26. Coaches coming from Northleach are using shortcuts through Ablington – do we need more signage?
27. What ideas have been explored for a car park? Answer – Ablington Road, Arlington Fields and the Football Club.
28. How would the village benefit from having a car park?
29. Can Arlington Row exclude vehicles (with the exception of the residents who live there)?
30. Sat Nav companies have changed their settings.
31. Pedestrians wander all over the roads, unaware of the dangers.
32. Could we work with the Cotswold Tourism Board to educate the visitors?
33. Some visitors can't, don't want to or just ignore the signs?
34. Should the residents take direct action / media campaign?
35. Could we trial the use of the Football Club over the winter for coaches?
36. *A show of hands overwhelmingly thought that the Coach Bays opposite the Trout Farm should be removed.*

The Parish Council will now consider all the points raised and list the priorities and investigate the feasibility and costs of the ideas put forward. A plan can then be put forward to work with the Cotswold District Council, Gloucestershire County Council, the police and Enforcement Agencies.

SPEEDING

The Parish Council have already explored and been told it is not possible to:

- Introduce a 20 mph zone
- Extend the 30 mph zone both ends of the village.

Highways surveys indicate that there is already non-compliance with the current speed limits.

SPEEDING - Questions / Points of View expressed:

37. Aldsworth Road, there is an increase of cars parked by the bus stop which makes it difficult to exit safely.
38. Aldsworth Road, could there be a mirror installed? Answer: this has been requested but Highways don't allow them.
39. Aldsworth Road, the scrubs and hedges should be cut back.
40. Can speed bumps be installed – (met by loud groans)?
41. Could we install Vehicle Activated Signs (of the smiley face type)?
42. There is an issue with speeding motorbikes, appear to be on some type of route for them.
43. Could we introduce enforceable speed cameras?

The Chairman then thanked everyone for attending and stated that the Parish Council would look to work on a plan and would appreciate the communities support if a Traffic Regulation Order was sought. He informed those present, that the Parish Council meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) and that they were welcome to attend.

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm.