

# BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Highways Report

There follows a report on highways defects and related matters.

Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Cllr Craig Chapman

Bibury Parish Council – Highways

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## REPORT

### 1. Issues Reported / Actions

1.1) **Location:** Bibury Gateway Sign

**Issue:** Right sided Bibury Gateway Sign obscures the road if you are joining The Pike from the direction of Ready Token.

**Enquiry Number:** 11426201 logged online on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Reported by:** Cllr John Phillips

**STATUS** – Gillian Portlock of GCC Highways confirmed on 1<sup>st</sup> November that the sign had been moved towards the hedge but could not be moved any closer as there is a ditch there. However, it does not look to have been moved sufficiently as there is still comment that the sign obscures the road. Cllr Craig Chapman has raised this with Gillian Portlock and awaits comment.

1.2) **Location:** Roadway outside Arlington Row Cottages

**Issue:** Risk of flooding / poor road condition. Provision of a French drain type arrangement to take the water that flows down Awkward Hill into the stream at Rack Isle is proposed by Flood Warden Phil Challinor who produced a report which Cllr Craig Chapman forwarded to GCC Highways

**Enquiry Number:** TBA

**STATUS** – A proposed solution involving a gulley /pipe based solution has been proposed by Richard Gray of GCC Highways. Phil Challinor is still maintaining a grated solution is best and that the GCC proposal will not work whilst a concern expressed by Richard Gray is that a French drain will require maintenance which GCC Highways are unable to provide on a regular basis. As a consequence, following a meeting between Phil Challinor, Brian Skarda and Craig Chapman options to establish our own drain maintenance solution are being evaluated. This follows comment from Richard Gray of GCC Highways that whilst we could 'approach a street works accredited contractor with the necessary public liability insurance GCC have wider liability issues if the work is not correctly performed. If we can find a way to progress then Cllr Brian Skarda will approach the National Trust about both funding and maintaining any proposed drainage on Awkward Hill.

1.3) **Location:** Carpark opposite The Trout Farm

**Issue:** The markings for the coach parking bays are unclear

**Enquiry Number:** 11431500 logged online on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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**Reported by:** Cllr Craig Chapman

**STATUS** – Gillian Portlock / Richard Gray of GCC Highways are progressing getting the coach parking lines repainted, also replacement of the posts at the rear of the parking area to stop the coaches parking over the path and to stop the damage to the wall (some damage having already occurred which may have been caused by a coach). GP will also look at provision of new signage. Still requires action.

1.4) **Location:** Wall Repair – Rosemary Cottage, Awkward Hill, Arlington

**Issue:** The wall which was / is leaning towards the road is in a bad state of repair and as a consequence unsafe

**Enquiry Number:** N/A

**Reported by:** Reported by Cllr Brian Skarda on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**STATUS:** In progress. Work commenced in late September and will take approximately 3 months as the section of wall is 36 metres long so that it is a substantial job. The Hill will be inaccessible for the duration. Spoil will be removed from the Site along Hawkers Hill (thus causing some disruption to residents, whom have been warned).

1.5) **Location:** Carpark in build by The Swan Inn on the right taking the road to Ablington

**Issue:** What is the status

**Enquiry Number:** N/A

**STATUS:** Cllr Craig Chapman met with Bryan Williams (new Manager), to understand what is the timing to complete the carpark whilst it was indicated this was originally scheduled for early 2023 but will now not take place this year.

**Action:** Maintain contact with Bryan Williams to obtain timing for works

## 2. Other

### 2.1) General Issues of Congestion / Parking – Bibury Parking Working Group

Positive action has been taking place with respect to the parking issues faced in the village.

1. Cllr Lisa Spivey has progressed additional enforcement (3<sup>rd</sup> November) whilst feedback indicated 'Our parking contractor, NSL, undertook additional patrols in Bibury last weekend, and will do so this weekend. Three PCNs were issued by the team and a number of vehicles were moved on'. It is also worth noting that from discussion with a coach driver parked at The Pike they are receiving instruction from their employers that if there are no coach parking bays available opposite the Trout Farm then they are to park outside of the Village. It was then the case that Villagers complained that such parking at The Pike was causing issues regarding visibility / safety. A solution would be an alternative / formal parking area for coaches outside of the Village.
2. As a consequence of the issues faced and escalating tension Cllr Lisa Spivey organised a meeting (which was held opposite the Trout Farm on 10<sup>th</sup> November) with the following attending:
  - County Cllr Lisa Spivey
  - Cllr Craig Chapman – Chairman BPC
  - Jason Holt – Chairman of Bibury Parking Working Group

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- Hannah Bassett- Louis - Traffic Regulation Order Manager / Network and Traffic Management Manager (GCC)
- Andrew Burford – Parking Procurement and Contract Manager (GCC Parking Services)
- Simon Ellson – Cotswolds Police Neighbourhood Inspector (Rural and Heritage Crime)
- Richard Gray – GCC Highways.

This was a very positive meeting, whilst the need to find solutions was reinforced by coaches attempting to reverse park (erratically) and creating different issues (road blockage / safety), stopping on double yellow lines to unload and load passengers etc., whilst concerns about the size / weight of heavy vehicles / coaches observed using the road-bridge were expressed by Andrew Burford. It was acknowledged that the TRO currently awaiting sign off will, to some extent, exacerbate the current situation as cars presently parking on Cemetery Lane and on the B4425 will be displaced. Lisa Spivey issued actions from the meeting, which include (with those actioning):

- Andrew Burford
  - A 2-week ANPR survey of the bridge (by the road safety team) to understand the levels of contraventions occurring
  - Notification that NSL (contracted parking enforcement) will increase their attendance, 'for the time being'
  - Request for collision / accident data on the B4425
  - Notifying the Integrated Transport Unit regarding the coach parking behaviour observed
- Hannah Bassett-Louis
  - To ask Phil Williams (Strategic Lead for Transport, Highways and Sustainability at GCC) to review the overall enforcement policy (currently only at 8 days per year for Bibury, based on the level of Fixed Penalty Notices issued)
  - Progression of TRO is a key factor to support enforcement by defining the new restricted areas and providing clear road markings
  - Confirmation that the cost for additional parking enforcement is £20.20 per hour and options will be offered to BPC regarding payment for additional enforcement
- Simon Ellson – will write to the Chief Constable of the Cotswolds Constabulary highlighting police concerns
- Richard Gray – has raised a ticket to have coach bay lines repainted as enforcement cannot be carried out effectively if lines not visible.

A follow-up meeting is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## 2.2) Sign/s to Trout Farm Parking

It was indicated that as the Trout Farm car-parks are private that it is not the responsibility of GCC Highways to provide signage whilst the Trout Farm can, although this will need to be sited on their land. Cllr Craig Chapman has written to the Trout Farm to propose they progress a suitable sign and awaits a response (needs a chase).

## 2.3) Community / APNR Camera

GCC / the Police having approved our speed camera request the location for a pole has now been agreed (outside Randalls Cottage on B4425) and Cllr Craig Chapman met with Richard Gray of GCC

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Highways on 1<sup>st</sup> September to action its erection and also to provide signage indicating a speed camera in action. Feedback from Richard Gary is awaited, in that he needs to assess how this is progressed / funded.

## **2.4) Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)**

The Public Consultation for the TRO closed on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The proposals which went out to consultation mirrored those of the statutory consultation in December 2022, with the addition of the Parish Councils request on the B4425. On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Hannah Bassett-Louis, Traffic Regulation Order Manager indicated they were liaising with all people that made a representation to the proposals to see if they could mitigate any objections. That exercise has been fully completed and a decision report has been drafted and sent to senior management at GCC to sign off. Once a decision has been made on whether to progress the TRO or not, she can instruct the contractors to carry out the works, whilst timing for this needs to be confirmed.