

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Highways Report

There follows a report on highways defects and related matters.

Dated: 10th December 2023



Cllr Craig Chapman

Bibury Parish Council – Highways

REPORT

1. Issues Reported / Actions

1.1) **Location:** Speed Sign – Road Aldsworth to Bibury

Issue: The flashing speed sign is not working

Enquiry Number: Notified 27 November 2023

Reported by: Cllr Craig Chapman

STATUS – Gillian Portlock of GCC Highways confirmed on 1st November that the sign is faulty but is now obsolete and so needs replacing. She is obtaining a cost to do so.

1.2) **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 20th July 2023

Reported by: Cllr John Phillips

STATUS – Gillian Portlock of GCC Highways confirmed on 1st 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 raised this with Gillian Portlock / Richard Gray and was told that the sign has been moved over by about the width of the sign itself which unfortunately due to the slope of the verge has not improved the visibility for vehicles emerging from the side road. Highways will look to move further after checking for services etc..This will not happen until 2024/25. In the interim as this is a safety matter they will arrange for the sign to be collected and kept in the depot for safe keeping.

1.3) **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 gully /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

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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. Although a contractor with the necessary public liability insurance was identified GCC have confirmed that the wider liability issues if the work is not correctly performed mean that it is not plausible to progress with this opportunity.

1.4) Location: Carpark opposite The Trout Farm

Issue: The markings for the coach parking bays are unclear

Enquiry Number: 11431500 logged online on 15th August 2023

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.

1.5) 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 6th July 2023

STATUS: In progress. Work commenced in late September and is targeted to be completed in January as the section of wall is 36 metres long so that it is a substantial job. The Hill will be inaccessible for the duration and residents have made alternative parking arrangements.

1.6) 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

As a consequence of the issues faced and escalating tension and the resultant meeting organised by Cllr Lisa Spivey which was held opposite the Trout Farm with representatives of GCC, the police and parking enforcement, on 10th November an update is as follows:

- A follow-up video follow-up meeting is scheduled for 15th December
- Andrew Burford has taken up the role of Parking Manager for GCC and communicated that this means he has more powers to now help to try resolve the challenges that we have identified in Bibury. One of the areas he wish to review is how they patrol and the criteria that is used to allocate patrol hours. He indicated that Bibury, and the wider Cotswolds, would be a useful location to pilot a new approach and this is being progressed

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- A draft letter has been sent by Inspector Simon Elson to the Chief Constable to send to Phil Williams (Personal assistant to director of Transport & Highways) asking for extra enforcement support but will be held back until Andrew Burford, in his new role, has had an opportunity to action improvements.

The Bibury Parking Working Group is meeting on Monday 11th 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 / ANPR 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 Highways on 1st 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 16th 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 19th 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.