

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Highways Report

There follows a report on highways defects and related matters.

Dated: 12th February 2024



Cllr Craig Chapman

Bibury Parish Council – Highways

REPORT

1. Issues Reported / Actions

1.1) **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 – The coach parking lines have been repainted and are now very clear

1.2) **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: Continues to be in progress. Work commenced in late September and whilst the contractors are not providing a completion date (due to shortage of stone, issues arising and the need to resurface / cobble the road) it is unlikely to be completed before the end of March 2024.

An issue relating to damage to the verge / bank to the left of Hawkers Hill has been reported to GCC Highways in that yellow tape indicating electrical cable has become visible. This is believed to be caused by the wall contractors delivery vehicles and GCC are reviewing action to be taken and notifying the electrical provider SSE.

1.3) **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.

1.4) **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.

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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.

1.5) 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 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. Note – requires follow-up by CRC.

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 / TRO

A report from the Bibury Parking Working group will be provided at the February Parish Council Meeting whilst it is noted that increased enforcement is taking place and an ANPR camera has been installed to monitor traffic over the Swan bridge. This camera will provide data on a quieter time of the year for tourism, whilst it will be worthwhile to repeat the exercise at the height of the tourist season. The TRO exercise has been fully completed and approved so that it will be implemented so that Cemetery Lane will receive double yellow lines and B4425 Western Extent will have parking restriction (8am to 6pm) during daylight hours.

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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 and they have indicated that signage will be provided.

2.3) B4425 up to The Pike

Additional pot hole patching will take place. In addition, it is notified that a Deer Sign will be erected on the empty pole where deer road-marking has taken place.

2.4) 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. The Clerk has chased to find out the status of this camera.

2.5) Access gateway created in Ablington

Cllr Craig Chapman was approached by residents of Ablington regarding their concern that an access gateway, which has been created to a field, required planning approval. The field / access is on the road just outside of Ablington (heading towards Northleach) and a drystone wall was demolished to create the gateway. It was indicated by CDC that a planning application had not been submitted or approved for the creation of an access onto the lane. Further, as the lane is a classified road, planning permission would usually be required for the creation of a new access so that the Council's Enforcement Section have been notified for further investigation.