

# BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Highways Report

There follows a report on highways defects and related matters.

Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Cllr Craig Chapman

Bibury Parish Council – Highways

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## REPORT

### 1. Issues Reported / Actions

1.1) **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:** Continues to be in progress. Unlikely to be completed before the end of March 2024. The issue relating to damage to the verge / bank to the left of Hawkers Hill (yellow tape indicating electrical cable is visible) has been followed up by GCC Highways who have been in touch with the wall contractors (who have erected temporary plastic fencing) and the electrical provider SSE to take action to ensure it is made safe. Action - Cllr Craig Chapman to follow up.

1.2) **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 1<sup>st</sup> November that the sign is faulty but is now obsolete and so needs replacing. She is obtaining a cost to do so. Action - Cllr Craig Chapman to follow up.

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 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

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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.

1.4) **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:** Timing for the works needs to be established. Action: Maintain contact with Bryan Williams (Swan Manager) to obtain timing for works

## 2. Other

### 2.1) Personnel Changes

Richard Gray (Local Highways Manager, Cotswolds South), who has been the main point of contact at GCC for Highways actions, is retiring and an existing contact Gill Portlock will take up his role. Richard has been proactive and supportive on behalf of Bibury Parish Council and it is assumed that Gill will similarly be so.

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

The results from the ANPR camera (installed to monitor traffic over the Swan bridge 17T weight limit) indicate that over the two-week period monitored there were 61 contraventions by vehicles of 18T or more weight. As vehicles of 17 to 18T weight were not counted there will undoubtedly be more contraventions. This is a sufficiently high number to warrant a permanent camera / enforcement (issue of fines) which requires a 6-week public consultation process to inform the public of our intentions. Additional data on overall traffic volume is being generated.

A report is being prepared on the number of fines issued on cars illegally parked which can be used to update the data obtained by Jason Holt and hopefully show an increase as a result of increased enforcement activity over the last 6 months.

The TRO detailed design / handover pack has been provided to the contractor to be implemented and we await notification of when the works will take place with Cemetery Lane receiving double yellow lines and B4425 Western Extent having parking restrictions (8am to 6pm) during daylight hours.

### 2.3) Ablington Manor Working Group / Actions

Following the concern regarding the road and traffic disruption resulting from the projected three years building works at Ablington Manor a Working Group has been established which Chris Kinder is leading and with Cllrs Craig Chapman and John Phillips as members. Ridge and Partners will be represented by Guy Wakefield (Planning Matters) and Mike Fraser (Project Manager) and an initial meeting is being set with the Working Group towards the end of this month.

Resulting from the concerns expressed and the liaison with responsible personnel at GCC, as indicated in 2.2, some initial activity has been initiated:

- Richard Gray (GCC Local Highways Manager, Cotswolds South) has indicated ' Irrespective of the final delivery route agreed at planning the construction traffic and trades will certainly have an impact upon the chosen roads. I will request a condition survey before during and

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after to enable GCC to protect their interests. I would not like to think the burden of any damage to the fabric of the road or verges would fall to the public purse if caused by construction works.'

- Andrew Burford (GCC Parking Manager) has expressed concern regarding the potential use of the Arlington (from The Pike) to Ablington Road which has a 7.5t weight limit on it whilst commenting that the Bibury to Ablington road does not look suitable for use by HGVs? There is also concern that vehicles approaching the Bibury to Ablington Road might use the Swan Bridge, which has a 17T weight restriction (whilst, as indicated above in 2.2, a significant number of weight contraventions are already taking place).

## 2.4) Sign/s to Trout Farm Parking

As previously indicated, as the Trout Farm car-parks are private then 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. In following up on this with the Trout Farm an update on the planning requirement for the Trout Farm to provide a footpath from the Overload Carpark to the Trout Farm gravel carpark was progressed. It was indicated that this is being worked on at the moment and that they are trying to locate the best access to the farm/down to the village for those not wanting to come in to BTF itself.

## 2.5) B4425 up to The Pike

Additional pothole 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.

## 2.6) Community / ANPR Camera

The Clerk has chased to find out the status of this camera (outside Randalls Cottage on B4425) and has been notified that it is in a list of cameras approved which is being worked through.

## 2.7) Access gateway created in Ablington

Cllr Craig Chapman has progressed with the Council's Enforcement Section action to be taken regarding an access gateway, which has been created to a field, required planning approval (on the road just outside of Ablington heading towards Northleach).