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Highways Report

There follows a report on highways defects and related matters.

Dated: 8th April 2024



Cllr Craig Chapman

Bibury Parish Council – Highways

REPORT

1. Issues Reported / Actions

1.1) **Location:** Crossroads (Winson / Barnsley) on Fossecross Lane

Issue: These crossroads were in a terrible condition with deep potholes such that it is almost impossible to drive at any speed over this area.

Enquiry Number: 11394858 logged online on 12th January 2023

Reported by: Cllr Craig Chapman

STATUS – Although it has taken a considerably long time, these crossroads have now been re-surfaced.

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 and has been rebuilt, whilst damage has occurred to the verge on Hawkers Hill during the rebuild and is requiring rectification.

Enquiry Number: N/A

Reported by: Reported by Cllr Brian Skarda on 6th July 2023

STATUS: The wall rebuild is in the final phase and Gillian Portlock of GCC Highways indicates that she has asked the builder to contact her once the verge has been reinstated. As soon as she is happy with the repairs GCC will be able to remove the closure. The builders will then be able to remove the signs / barriers for the traffic management company to collect them. Action – Cllrs Brian Skarda and Craig Chapman to maintain contact / follow up.

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. Action - Cllr Craig Chapman to follow up.

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

Issue: Risk of flooding / poor road condition. Provision of a French drain type arrangement to take

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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. 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 – still requires follow-up by CRC which will be undertaken now Gillian Portlock is in role having replaced Richard Gray.

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

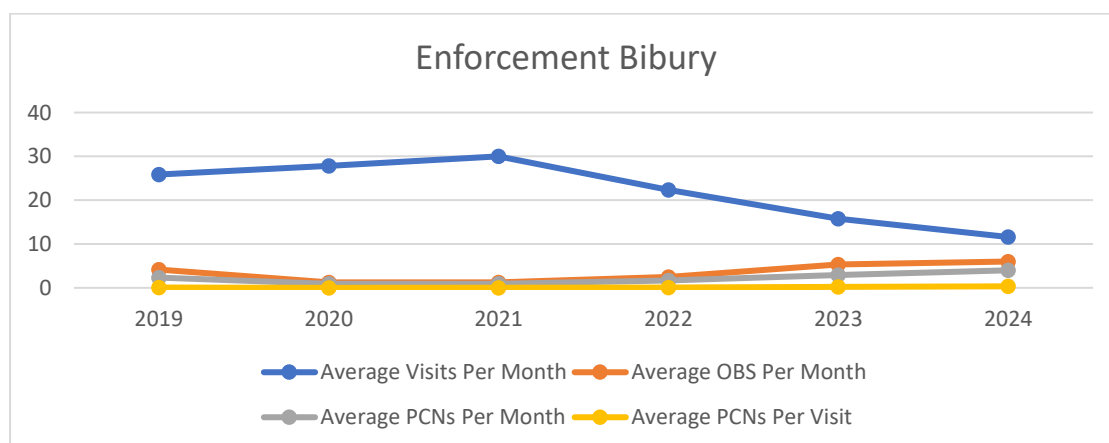
STATUS: Timing for the works needs to be established. **Action:** An email has been sent to Bryan Williams (Swan Manager) to obtain timing for works.

2. Other

2.1) General Issues of Congestion / Parking – TRO

Additional data has been received as follows:

| PARKING ENFORCEMENT - BIBURY | COVID | | | | | | | | To 18 Mar 24 (10 weeks) |
|---------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|--|--|----------------------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | | | |
| TOTAL VISITS | 310 | 334 | 360 | 268 | 189 | 29 | | | 35 |
| Average Visits Per Month | 26 | 28 | 30 | 22 | 16 | 12 | | | 30 |
| TOTAL OBS | 50 | 15 | 15 | 30 | 64 | 15 | | | 25 |
| Average OBS Per Month | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | | | 20 |
| TOTAL PCNs | 28 | 11 | 11 | 20 | 35 | 10 | | | 15 |
| Average PCNs Per Month | 2.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 4.0 | | | 10 |
| Average PCNs Per Visit | 0.1 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | | | 5 |



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Whilst it is encouraging that the number of Observations (illegally parked cars observed but not provided with a Penalty Charge Notice) and PCN's issued is increasing, the number of visits is decreasing and I have asked why this is the case. This is on the basis that visibility of wardens is a substantial deterrent. However, it should be noted that the above data does not include the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, when it was apparent that there was a reasonable ticketing presence.

The full results from the Swan Bridge ANPR are indicated below, whilst it has already been reported that a follow-up action is in progress to install an ANPR on the bridge as a consequence of the high number of offences (61 in 10 weekdays)

| TOTAL DATA | | | | Heavy Goods | Buses and Coaches | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | | | | 18T + | | |
| 10 WEEKDAYS | TOTAL - In both directions | | | | | |
| 17 Jan to 6 Feb | Car | LGV | OGV1 | OGV2 | PSV | Total |
| 0000-0600 | 396 | 107 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 517 |
| 0600-1200 | 8577 | 2259 | 263 | 32 | 108 | 11239 |
| 1200-1800 | 10724 | 1943 | 220 | 26 | 144 | 13057 |
| 1800-0000 | 3201 | 201 | 20 | 1 | 6 | 3429 |
| Total | 22898 | 4510 | 514 | 61 | 259 | 28242 |
| 2 WEEKENDS | | | | | | |
| TOTAL - In both directions | | | | | | |
| 17 Jan to 6 Feb | Car | LGV | OGV1 | OGV2 | PSV | Total |
| 0000-0600 | 116 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 132 |
| 0600-1200 | 3418 | 214 | 25 | 0 | 40 | 3697 |
| 1200-1800 | 5939 | 191 | 10 | 0 | 60 | 6200 |
| 1800-0000 | 1239 | 41 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1285 |
| Total | 10712 | 460 | 41 | 0 | 101 | 11314 |
| OVERALL 2 WEEKS | | | | | | |
| TOTAL - In both directions | | | | | | |
| 17 Jan to 6 Feb | Car | LGV | OGV1 | OGV2 | PSV | Total |
| 0000-0600 | 512 | 121 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 649 |
| 0600-1200 | 11995 | 2473 | 288 | 32 | 148 | 14936 |
| 1200-1800 | 16663 | 2134 | 230 | 26 | 204 | 19257 |
| 1800-0000 | 4440 | 242 | 25 | 1 | 6 | 4714 |
| Total | 33610 | 4970 | 555 | 61 | 360 | 39556 |

Implementation of the TRO is awaited whilst the detailed design / handover pack has been provided to the contractor to be implemented.

2.3) Ablington Manor Working Group / Actions

A constructive meeting was held with the representatives of the Ablington Manor construction team being Mike Fraser (Project Manager), Richard Bell (Construction Manager of Westgreen) and Toni Bell (Estate Manager). It was subsequently indicated that they have taken on board the 'useful comments and suggestions raised in the meeting' and that Richard Bell and the team at Westgreen are reviewing alternative access routes proposed, as well as getting more accurate details on likely vehicle sizes, numbers and weights.

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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 into BTF itself. This requires follow-up being something indicated as a priority in the Parish Plan survey –
Action Craig Chapman

2.5) 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. However, the person responsible (Kat Dean) has now left and the Clerk will progress again once her replacement is in post.