

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Highways Report

There follows a report on highways defects and related matters.

Dated: 9th July 2023



Cllr Craig Chapman

Bibury Parish Council – Highways

REPORT

1. Defects Reported / Actions

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

Issue: These crossroads are 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 / further follow-up on 21st April 2023 – email to County Cllr Dom Morris by District Cllr Stephen Andrews forwarding Cllr Craig Chapman email to Richard Gray of GCC Highways.

In addition, local resident Andrew Johnston emailed GCC Highways on 4 July to indicate his concern with respect to the entire road between the B4425 Bibury and Fosse Cross A429

Reported by: Cllr Craig Chapman

STATUS – An immediate safety inspection was undertaken and temporary repairs made in January 2023. Following the further email exchanges to implement a solution in April 2023 County Councillor Dom Morris took up support for action indicating that the deplorable state of this crossroads warranted prioritising with Jason Humm of GCC Highways. Whilst further action has been taken in May 2023 to patch the potholes at the cross-roads and in Fossecross Lane the approach by Andrew Johnston has provided an opportunity to re-progress an overall solution with GCC Highways and request Cllr Dom Morris's support. Action – Cllr Craig Chapman to review progress / further follow-up

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 CRC forwarded to GCC Highways

Enquiry Number: TBA

STATUS - An on-site meeting was held on Friday 2nd June to involve CRC Cllr Craig Chapman, Cllr Brian Skarda, Phil Challinor, Richard Gray / Gillian Portlock of GCC Highways to discuss progression, whilst Noel Bennett from the NT was due to attend but did not having been to the site shortly before. Richard Gray actions / comment:

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- Richard Gray has completed a capital application form and sent to the drainage team to see if this location can be included as a capital programme works (risk-based cost benefit process)
- Later this month Richard Gray will be having a conversation with a drainage engineer for a few potential solutions to intercept this surface water
- Richard Gray will seek the extent of the public highway in the vicinity of Arlington row as this could dictate any potential solutions
- Should this location not meet the criteria for inclusion on a capital programme then consideration could be given to develop a scheme via the 50/50 community offer
- Richard Gray proposes that BPC and GCC need to have dialogue with the National Trust about potential funding.

Feedback was received from Noel Bennett of the National Trust on Friday 2nd June to indicate that he tried to join the scheduled meeting but was unable to do so. However, he had recently visited Arlington row with their Regional Building Surveyor, and had instigated some discussion points with regards to directing the flood water away. In summary:

- The NT are concerned about the depth of the drain when it feeds into the Leet. If the water is in flood the drain will be below the surface which will back up the water into the drain. If the water on the surface was directed to the lowest point by the step this would not be below the water when it enters the Leet and therefore would not back up
- By using a surface gully it negates the need to maintain a drain. If GCC are going to resurface the area where the asphalt has worn, the work can be done at the same time for a fraction of the cost of a drain. By doing the work on the surface there will not be the worry of damage from heavy lorries etc.

Action – General follow-up is required which Cllr Craig Chapman will lead to maintain momentum towards a solution between GCC Highways and the National Trust.

1.3) **Location:** Access to Ackward Hill, Arlington

Issue: Shrubbery / bushes have overgrown the road and created safety issues by decreasing visibility in front of Arlington Manor and Rosemary Cottage

Enquiry Number: N/A

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

STATUS: Cllr Craig Chapman has progressed with Richard Gray at GCC Highways to understand if this is their responsibility and request an emergency cut-back

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

Issue: Brambles are overgrown and reduce the road width also decreasing visibility

Enquiry Number: N/A

Reported by: A member of the public at the Parish Council Meeting of 11th October 2022

STATUS: Cllr Craig Chapman met with Peter Box (Manager) who indicated that he understood the work to finish the carpark was scheduled for early this year. Action – CRC to progress to understand status, whilst the brambles are now removed.

1.5) **Location:** B4425 road from Bibury to Barnsley

Issue: Flooding Issues. An issue of serious flooding at the bottom of the B4425 Proposed works on the road / hill up to Five Ways, Bibury was notified

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Enquiry Number: 11338246

Reported by: Cllr Craig Chapman on 9th March

STATUS – Immediate action was taken and 4 grips (gullies) were dug to take away the flood water (and these have been dug out again following later flooding). However, a longer-term solution is required whereas it was previously proposed in 2022 to convert one or two of the offlets to gullies (grid / sump / drainpipe away to the ditch) to give more resilience, find more permanent solutions to the existing grips and uncover kerb offlets / gullies and clean / jet them out (also to clean away the detritus that has built up beyond the kerb-line). Highways were looking to implement in 2022 and did not do so. CRC requested confirmation that this work will take place in 2023 and will continue to progress.

2. Other

2.1) The Street, Bibury / Repairs to the wall along the River Coln relating to the accident on Tuesday 9th May

Repair to the area of the accident was undertaken in early July at the same time as the main wall works on the lower section of wall. It is indicated by the contractor that the overall works are due to conclude on 20th July.

2.2) Community / APNR Camera

Having applied for a free APNR camera under Gloucestershire County Council's Speed Awareness Initiative, and following the site meeting with Lorraine Davies of the Police, GCC / the Police have approved this request so that it can be implemented. A revised Q/A document was printed in Village Life and there was no adverse feedback whilst those indicating, supported. On this basis a pole has now been requested from GCC Highways in order to site the camera and Cllr Craig Chapman will progress obtaining the camera.

2.3) Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

The Public Consultation for this TRO commenced on 25th May 2023 and closed on 16th June 2023. The proposals which went out to consultation mirrored those of the statutory consultation in December, with the addition of the Parish Councils request on the B4425. Follow-up is required to understand the results of the consultation.

2.4) Bibury Gateway Sign

At the June Parish Council Meeting it was commented that there is an issue in that the right sided Bibury Gateway Sign obscures the road if you are joining The Pike from the direction of Ready Token. a safety inspection and comment on action to resolve was requested from GCC Highways.