

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Highways Report

There follows a report on highways defects and related matters.

Dated: 12th June 2023



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Bibury Parish Council – Highways

REPORT

1. Defects Reported / Actions

1.1) **Location:** Roadway / turning area at end of Arlington Row Cottages

Issue: A serious hazard exists at the end of Arlington Row, whereby, because of inadequate signage (or driver's sense) vehicles are parking in the turning circle beside the Barn, and outside the National Trust Resident's Car Park.

Enquiry Number: N/A

Reported by: Brian Skarda and communicated to GCC Highways / National Trust by Craig Chapman

STATUS – A sign has been erected to say 'Turning Area Keep Clear'. No further action required.

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:

- Richard Gray has completed a capital application form and sent to the drainage team to see if this 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.

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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:** 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.

1.4) **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. The situation has worsened as a result of heavy rainfall and icy weather

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

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. It is noted that further action has been taken in May 2023 to patch the potholes at the cross-roads and in Fossecross Lane. Action – Cllr Craig Chapman to review progress / further follow-up

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

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

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(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

It was indicated by Richard Gray of GCC Highways that the repair to the area of the accident could not be undertaken at the same time as the main wall works as it was not part of the scheduled works and time / resource was not allocated. However, he is progressing action to undertake the repairs and asked for a chase mid-month which Cllr Craig Chapman will do.

2.2) Community / APNR Camera

Having applied for a free APNR camera under Gloucestershire County Council's Speed Awareness Initiative. GCC / the Police have approved this request so that it can be implemented. A revised Q/A document for Village Life is on the next page of this report, following the site meeting with Lorraine Davies of the Police and also feedback on operation in Quenington.

Feedback from Bob Passmore, Quenington

- Bob was responsible for a community speedwatch scheme and then for installation of what is now 6 ANPR cameras
- He commented that the scheme has been 'hugely successful, transforming the village'. There is general acceptance and have been no objections
- The improvement is quite dramatic: Pre Scheme - speeds ranged from 36 to 67mph (700 cars) with 90% doing 40mph plus and a large number of repeat offenders in the range 45 / 50mph. Now - 85% of drivers logged are at 33mph or less (33 to 40mph 10% and 40mph plus 5%)
- He logs the data and communicates to the police who issue up to 10 letters weekly (as needed) at 50p per letter. Persistent local offenders were visited by the police
- The cameras are solar powered and very small. The signage in Quenington has evolved and is somewhat of a mix whilst they have newer signage arriving.

This is an agenda item for the PC Meeting of 12 June 2023 to agree progression.

2.3) Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

The Public Consultation for this TRO commenced on 25th May 2023 closing on 16th June 2023. The information is available to view on the GCC / PC website. Notices have been erected on site, notification provided in Village Life and letters sent to those immediately impacted (living in the area of the proposed actions). 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.

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2.4) Mirror opposite Arlington Farm Lane on B4425

The condition of the mirror was raised and a request that it be replaced. Richard Gray responded to indicate he could find no evidence that this mirror was erected by GCC whilst they do not anyway permit them on the network, unless it is placed on a utility pole which they are not permitted to do. RG could only conclude that this is an unauthorised private mirror and as such he is not in a position to assist. In view of the liability issues that could result if we as a PC implement our own solution, it is now proposed that further action is taken.

2.5) Hawker's Hill

The condition of Hawker's Hill to include the grass island at the top has substantially deteriorated and, and whilst action has been undertaken via signage to divert traffic away from the hill and some patching has taken place, further action is proposed. Progression of more significant works is deferred for consideration in this financial year (ie from April 2023).

FOR VILLAGE LIFE

Automatic Number Plate Recognition – Camera

Gloucestershire Road Safety Department and the Police are offering an (ANPR) camera to be used in Bibury. These small cameras are spreading fast across the country to limit speed on the public highways.

Questions on how and why the camera will be used in Bibury.

Q1. Why do we need an ANPR cameras in Bibury?

A1. Concerns are frequently expressed about speeding in Bibury. The camera is an efficient and effective way of targeting those who speed excessively. The Council have the opportunity to be given one for free under the County Council Community Speed Watch initiative.

Q2. Where is it proposed to site the camera

A2. On the B4425 coming into Bibury on the left-hand grass verge, 100 metres beyond the 30 mph sign, outside the hedge in front of Randalls Cottage (with another hedge opposite – so not in any residents eyeline)

Q3. What data will they record and keep?

A3: The camera will record vehicle speed and registration numbers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

Q4. What will happen to the data then?

A4: Once a week, the Council will provide the top ten speeding vehicles registration numbers to the police who will send out warning letters to the registered owner of the vehicle. The police will use the data to support enforcement action within the Parish, as they deem required. Please note that



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Parish Council do not have the required clearance to identify the owners of the vehicles from the registration so no personal data will be held by the Parish Council.

Q5. Will fixed penalty notices be issued?

A5: No, but the Police may use the information to deploy their mobile speed cameras and will visit persistent offenders.

Q6. Will there be clear signage of the cameras?

A6: Yes - signage of their presence is a key part of the initiative.

Q7. Will there be any display to indicate that you are over the speed limit and that their data is being recorded?

A7: No. The cameras are very small, only aimed at recording data.

Q8: How effective are these cameras / signage in reducing speed?

A8: From experience in Quenington it was indicated that their cameras (they have 6) have been 'hugely successful, transforming the village'. At the start 90% of drivers were doing in excess of 40mph, in a 30mph zone, whilst now 85% of drivers are doing 33mph or less.

