

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Highways Report

There follows a report on highways defects and related matters.

Dated: 9th October 2023



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 – Gillian Portlock / Richard Gray of GCC Highways are progressing getting the coach parking lines repainted, also replacement of the posts at the rear of the parking area to stop the coaches parking over the path and to stop the damage to the wall (some damage having already occurred which may have been caused by a coach). GP will also look at provision of new signage. Still requires action.

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: In progress. Work commenced in late September and will take approximately 3 months as the section of wall is 36 metres long so that it is a substantial job. The Hill will be inaccessible for the duration. Spoil will be removed from the Site along Hawkers Hill (thus causing some disruption to residents, whom have been warned).

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 to address and that the GCC proposal will not work in that under different rain and storm conditions the rainwater races down Awkward Hill on the left side, right side and often simply down the centre of the road, whilst

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the drain solution needs to deal with all 3 conditions. Rainwater coming down the centre of the road can then veer straight towards the upper cottage front doors. Also, that as this road is technically a highway it needs to comply with Highway standards for a D400 rating i.e. a 40 ton vehicle rating. An agreement needs to be reached on solution.

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: Cllr Craig Chapman met with Brian 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 Brian Williams to obtain timing for works

1.5) 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.

Enquiry Number: 11426201 logged online on 20th July 2023

Reported by: Cllr John Phillips

STATUS – Gillian Portlock of GCC Highways confirmed on 20th July that she will get the sign moved into the verge towards the hedge as long as there are no services in the way. Still requires action.

1.6) 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.

Action – Cllr Craig Chapman to review progress / further follow-up

1.7) 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

Action – Cllr Craig Chapman to review progress / further follow-up

2. Other

2.1) General Issues of Congestion / Parking – Bibury Parking Working Group

Whilst there has been considerable correspondence / discussion around the issue of chaotic coach / car parking (and enforcement) made worse by increasing visitor numbers it was agreed at the September Parish Council Meeting to establish a Working Group to assist the Parish Council in it's efforts to manage parking aspects. This Group comprises Jason Holt as Chairman, Parish Councillor Brian Skarda, District Councillor David Fowles and Mark Honeyball. An initial meeting has been held and Terms of Reference agreed with the next meeting of the Group in November 2023.

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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.

2.3) Community / APNR 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. Feedback from Richard Gary is awaited, in that he needs to assess how this is progressed / funded.

2.4) Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

The Public Consultation for the TRO closed on 16th June 2023. The proposals which went out to consultation mirrored those of the statutory consultation in December 2022, with the addition of the Parish Councils request on the B4425. On 19th July 2023 Hannah Bassett-Louis, Traffic Regulation Order Manager indicated they were liaising with all people that made a representation to the proposals to see if they could mitigate any objections. That exercise has been fully completed and a decision report has been drafted and sent to senior management at GCC to sign off. Once a decision has been made on whether to progress the TRO or not, she can instruct the contractors to carry out the works and is hoping this will be by the end of October 2023.