

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Highways Report

There follows a report on highways defects and related matters.

Dated: 10th September 2023



Cllr Craig Chapman

Bibury Parish Council – Highways

REPORT

1. Defects 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. GP will also look at provision of new signage.

1.2) **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 met with Richard Gray at GCC Highways to indicate the issue. RG indicated that as the majority of the foliage causing issues here are within the highway boundary this is thus the responsibility of GCC and will be addressed by the 'community gang'. However, the section adjoining the wall which is leaning towards the road (Rosemary Cottage) and in poor condition will not be attended to given concerns about the structural integrity of the wall (which is the responsibility of the owners). Action to accelerate repair could be instigated by approaching GCC to declare this an unsafe structure.

1.3) **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.

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1.4) **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 - 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. Richard Gray 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). Action – Richard Gray indicated on a site visit on 1st September that he had briefed a drainage engineer and a gully-based solution to intercept the surface water is proposed, whilst he will provide a drawing to show this. Action - Cllr Craig Chapman to progress.

1.5) **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 has now left, to understand what is the timing to complete the carpark whilst it was indicated this was scheduled for early 2023. Action – CRC Cllr Craig Chapman to progress to understand status with the new manager.

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

There has been considerable correspondence / discussion around the issue of chaotic coach / car parking (and enforcement) made worse by increasing visitor numbers, as highlighted in an email from Philippa Curtis of 22nd August 2023. Activities / actions resulting:

- Coach Parking Bays are being addressed (see 1.1)
- Cllrs Lisa Spivey and Tony Dale have met to discuss the issues we face and have progressed increased enforcement

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- Different Parishioners have made contact directly (with coach operators, County Councillor, GCC, by email to BPC etc.) to highlight parking issues
- Enforcement is more visible and a warden was noted in action on The Street and Hawkers Hill on 9th September having been diverted from Bourton
- Facebook site started – ‘Bibury Parking and Traffic Reporting’ to raise profile of overall issue/s
- Notification provided via Village Life as to how parishioners can notify parking incidents to GCC and request enforcement
- Ann Haigh has engaged with the coaching community to understand the issues from their perspective and propose solutions.

2.2) Parking – sign to Trout Farm

In a meeting with Angus Hay of Bibury Trout Farm it was indicated that it would be beneficial to have more signage directing visitors to the Trout Farm’s Overload Carpark.

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.

2.5) 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 July at the same time as the main wall works on the lower section of wall. Initial concern about the quality of the repair was partially addressed.