

Lacock Parish Council - Highways & Parish Steward Report – February 2019

1. CATG Proposals

1.1 Enforcement of 7.5 tonne Weight Restrictions

Peter Glen contacted Tom Hutchinson who, in turn, is trying to contact the Devises Police Risk Assessment person to arrange an assessment. This risk assessment is essential before the Lorry Watch can commence.

2. Meeting with Councillor Wyman, Dave Thomas and Michelle Donelan MP on Lacock Parish Traffic Issues

LPC reply was drafted and sent to Councillor Bridget Wayman. There has been no reply or acknowledgement to the LPC letter. This was discussed at the CATG and the Chair of that meeting suggested we resend the letter again asking for a reply, and to copy Phillip Whitehead, Alistair Cunningham and Sven Hocking. An acknowledgement of receipt of a similar letter from the Western Gateway Committee was received. Pete has asked for all the names, roles and contact details of WC Highways Dept under a freedom of information request.

3. Lacock Traffic Group - a subcommittee reporting to the LPC

Areas of work under consideration:-

3.1 New WC scheme for a West St and High Street WC roundabout, was obtained from WC Highways.

3.2 Signage improvement in Church Street to prevent coaches / large HGV's accessing this narrow street (Coaches have been reported using Church Street to back into to turn around).

Damage to another parked car was reported to have occurred in February.

3.3 Early morning waste collection before 5.30 am - large vehicles disturbing residents.

Patrick Holiday is making good progress after consulting with GIST, the waste collection company, and local Church St. businesses. The waste collections from Church St businesses are now being made by, GIST, with one business exception whose inclusion is being sought.

The Cemetery waste collection quotation by GIST to remove the backlog of debris, is being finalised shortly. The quote for regular waste collection is very competitive.

4. WC Highways - Pedestrian Access, speed limits on Abbey Bridge to the Gateway

Following a meeting Pete and Stuart had in February with two Atkins Consultants, representing WC Highways, the 30 mph limit northwards to cover **all** of the Abbey Bridge has been approved.

YES APPROVED!

Unfortunately, the request to extend the 30 mph limit from the West St mini roundabout along Hither Way to include around the corner after the crossing was not approved, and must remain at 40 mph. Atkins have been requested to explain their logic for this decision, especially as they appear not to have taken account of pedestrians walking in Hither Way, as there is no footpath, neither the serious crash in to a wall on the bend, last year.

Pedestrian safe access on the bridge and the viability of a new footpath up from the bridge, now needs to be assessed and discussed.

5. Notton request for Traffic Metros

Request to the WC Road Safety Driving team has been made to fit 3 sets of metros in the requested places in Notton. In progress, awaiting reply as to when they will be fitted.

6. Notton Residents concerns for safety on the A350 (Lackham roundabout to including Whitehall Lights)

Derek Walters devised a survey to quantify the Notton residents' and parishioners' pedestrian access problems when crossing the A350 to and from the east of the parish. The results of the survey are now on the LPC website. Reducing speed limits on the A350 to 50 mph has been mentioned, as an option. For review at the LPC.

7. Improvements to the West Street and High Street Junction

Pete and Stuart met with Kate Davey on 25th January and requested changes to the original road design were made, after the conclusions drawn from the December LPC discussion. The revised changes are included in a new design, issued on 4th March. For review at the LPC.

8. Reybridge Damage and slippery road surface.

This was reported in February by Stuart to Julian Haines, with pictures explaining the damage and asking what can be done. No reply was received.

The CATG suggested I write again to Julian and copy Ben and Ruth Hopkinson asking what can be done.

9. Drainage issues.

The current drainage issues are not being addressed by WC Highways unless house flooding has taken place. However, it is very difficult to find out how our blocked drains can be added to the schedule for drain cleaning. The CATG suggested that we write to Chris Clark, copy Dave Arnup and Ruth Hopkinson.

Peter Glen and Pete will send them a report showing the drains needing clearing, photos and their precise location on a map; asking for this work to be on the drain cleaning schedule for this year.

10. Parish Steward (PS)

Work for February

- PS's work schedule is was restricted by WC to pot hole repairs, fallen tree clearance, flood management and associated clearance of roadside grips and gullies. He did repair potholes in and around Lacock. ***Let me know of any other potholes needing repair?***

Work for March

- Again, the PS's work schedule is still restricted by WC to pot hole repairs, fallen tree clearance, flood management and associated clearance of roadside grips and gullies.

There is always more that can be done, so please let us know of any other jobs that need doing ASAP.

Stuart Gregory and Pete Shaw