

## **Lacock Parish Council - Highways & Parish Steward Report – JULY 2020**

### **1. Enforcement of 7.5 tonne Weight Restrictions**

Peter Glen has managed to make contact with Tracy Ince, who is the new Lorry Watch Co Ordinator based in Devises. A meeting is being arranged, hopefully within in the next few weeks with Tracy and three police Officers to agree how we can get our Lacock Lorry Watch commissioned and working.

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

Councillor Wayman replied stating a meeting will be arranged once the Corvid 19 lockdown restrictions are relaxed. Is it now time to pursue this meeting now?

### **3. Lacock Traffic Group (LTG) Subcommittee reporting to the LPC**

Areas of work under consideration:-

3.1. The consultation with the proposed WC Highways scheme for the West St and High Street junction has ended on 31<sup>st</sup> May. All the feedback received from local residents was very favourable and supportive of the proposed scheme, and many asked for more to be done.

The LPC are now progressing this project with WC.

3.2. An outline plan was agreed at the LTG meeting for traffic calming at the West Street /Church Street junction was emailed for further evaluation by WC Highways. This plan will be presented to the LPC .

This layout will restrict Coach/very large vehicles and in conjunction with signage improvements in Church Street dissuade them from accessing this narrow street.

3.3. Nethercote turning area – the letter from the LPC recently had little effect. Patrick Holliday received over 30 text messages and a letter from Nethercote residents complaining about parked cars and vans preventing Utilities and household deliveries from being made. They are requesting this parking issue is resolved asap. This was investigated with WC Parking Dept, who informed Stuart that parking there cannot be enforced unless it was yellow lined.

Stuart has obtained the relevant form to submit to WC Highways for the yellow lining, subject to LPC Meeting's approval . The timescale for doing this work is not known, but with Covid-19 delays it is likely to be a long time.

3.4. The LTG printed and erected over 30 official WC/Government Covid-19 "Keep your distance" at footpaths gates/stiles, pedestrian pinch points in and around the village, including the playing fields.

3.5. Nothing to report this month about parking schemes and costs to prevent unlawful parking in and around the Village. Residents are asking what can be done to stop this and to secure their own parking.

3.6. Ice cream Van parking – the LTG are investigating the permissions for this van to be parked outside the Abbey. Pete S will report to the LPC Meeting on this matter.

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

WC Highways have now referred the work for funding agreement to the CATG at the September meeting. We now a breakdown of this funding.

We still need to get answers from WC Highways as to the reasons for rejecting the request for the 30 mph limit along the first part of Hither Way (village to past the zebra crossing). Still awaiting a WC reply.

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

### **5. Notton request for Traffic Metros**

Still in progress, awaiting a WC reply as to when they will be fitted.

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

WC Highways have responded to say that unfortunately due to the ongoing commitments of the Highways team, relating to the response to Covid-19, they have yet to further investigate this issue.

You may recall I was asking them in April, for an initial investigation and assessment of what could be done.

WC Highways have requested this issue is taken to the next CATG, which hopefully will be in September. (the 30<sup>th</sup> June meeting was cancelled).

**7. Drainage issues.**

Meeting arranged on 13<sup>th</sup> July with David Arnup, WC Highways, to review the outstanding gullies that were not cleaned last year. Many of these outstanding gullies will need road temporary road closures for the tanker to be used.

Reported to WC Highways :-

1. two blocked drains in Notton. WC Highways have now put them on the Tanker cleaning schedule. The Parish Steward is asked to try to clear them, if possible.
2. Reported a fallen grid outside Whitehall reported to the LPC by a parishioner concerned it was a safety risk to cyclists. WC highways reported that it was not more than a 75mm drop and therefore did not meet their criteria for replacement. They surprisingly said this grid was round in shape, so was not one of their grids!

**8. Initiatives to improve safety and accessibility for Cyclists and Pedestrians**

In response to Councillor Wayman's e mail request, the LTG virtually met and sent a short report to the LPC for their comments. The revised report, including their suggested changes and additions, was sent to WC on 26<sup>th</sup> May and its receipt was acknowledged. **Still awaiting WC's response to our proposals.**

**9. Parish Steward (PS)**

**Work for July**

- Cut back hedges at top of Nethercote to reveal 'No Cycling and Footpath' sign post
- Try to clear two blocked drains in Notton
- Request the WC Road Sweeper tanker back again this month.
- Repair small potholes in Church Street and Cantax Hill
- Hopefully, more kerbside weed spraying can be done this month.

***Let us know of any other work or potholes needing repair?***

**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**