

Lacock Parish Council - Highways & Parish Steward Report – January 2021

1. Lacock Parish Traffic Issues

At the December LPC meeting the LPC discussed and voted to proceed with the Atkins Project Plan. Jane is still trying to speak to Bridget Wayman to ask for a larger WC contribution towards the project costs. Hopefully we will have a response for the LPC meeting on Monday 11th December.

2. Melksham By Pass Online 1st phase Consultation – Only 6 days to reply at is ends on 17th January 2020

Last chance to encourage parishioners to make their views known on the options for the routes for the new by pass. Ideally, the Lacock preferred route is an eastern route that joins the A350 as near the south of the village as possible.

3. Enforcement of 7.5 tonne Weight Restrictions

Peter Glen has made good progress and has now been in two way e mail correspondence with Tracy Ince and contacted Sgt Richard Marshall (Devises Police). Peter has been advised that Lacock is top of the priority list for the new Lorry Watch team training early in the New Year. Richard may agree to briefly join a future LPC meeting to update the LPC.

4. CATG Report

Progress since 2nd December CATG meeting.

4.1 The Notton Crossing

The CATG discussed the issues and all the suggested options to improve pedestrian safety; but they were not accepted by WC Highways and CATG.

Derek Walters then raised the issue of the safety for vehicles and cyclist using this crossroad junction on to the A350; particularly when turning right. The CATG then decided cancel the original issue and ask for a new issue to be raised relating to vehicles and cyclists.

Derek has subsequently requested information from WC Highways on the existing road layout at the A350 at Notton and Mons Lane right turn junction. This will be used to assess what possible improvements to the layout to make it safer for traffic turning from the A350 into Notton.

This new issue will be prepared for consideration at the March CATG meeting, after prior approval by the LPC.

4.2 The 30 mph limit on Abbey Bridge

The WC consultation notice to reduce the traffic limit to 30 mph has been posted on the Bridge. After the consultation periods end on 31st January 2021, WC Highways will then schedule to complete the change of signage and road markings.

5. Lacock Traffic Group (LTG) Subcommittee reporting to the LPC

Areas of work still under consideration, in addition to those listed in the CATG report section 3 above.

5.1. West Street /Church Street junction.

An outline plan was issued to LP Councillors for their comments. This was discussed at the October LPC meeting when it was agreed to await the Atkins Strategic Review proposals before we progress this plan with WC Highways. Still 'work in progress',

5.2. Parking schemes and costs to prevent unlawful parking in and around the Village.

The LTG undertook a survey of cars parked in the village, morning, afternoon and night, over a week which was completed. The analysis and recommendations remain as 'work in progress'.

6. Parish Steward (PS)

Work for January

- The PS has been doing gritting duties over Christmas and New Year. He expects to be back to his usual work next week.
- Priority remains with clearing drainage grips and gully's in Reybridge and other areas for the next few months

- Investigate the reported narrow pavement problems at Corsham Road. The PS has still to undertake this, hopefully, in January.
- The PS reported in early December that the lamp light at the top of Nethercote hill is still not working. Awaiting a WC response.
- Ask for the WC Road Sweeper tanker to return again this month to keep the gutters clear of debris.

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**