

Mike Chislett – Areas of Responsibility – Lacock Parish Council – February 2021

Rights of Way / Footpaths

LACO23 (Bowden Park to Bewley Lane)

This was reported as 'blocked by ploughing' back in November. I have walked this RoW since the last meeting. The lower fields (between Long Copse/Briary Wood & Bewley Lane) are ploughed and tilled, so technically passable, but very difficult due to mud. Stiles, gates and the bridge west of Long Copse are all passable. The headland that used to provide a less muddy alternative around Long Copse has been ploughed.

I have asked Carter Jonas' Ben Myerscough to ensure re-establishment of the RoW line, although I acknowledge local walkers may prefer restoration of the headland diversion.

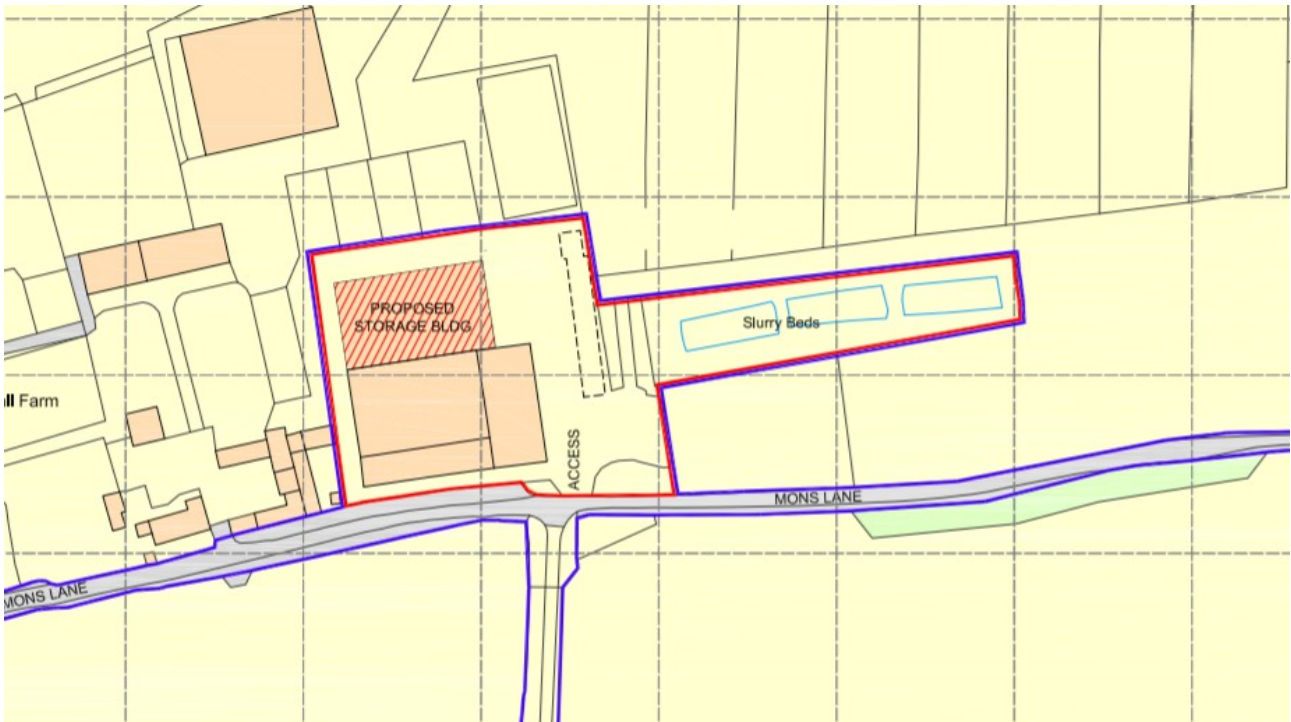


LACO38

As previously mentioned – this was reported overgrown – ownership is Whitehall GC and Peter Self tells me clearance is in hand.

LACO14 runs from the top of Nethercote and across Mons Lane (Whitehall) to Mons Lane (Notton). Between its Mons Lane junctions (almost 1000m) It is obstructed variously by grown hedges and Whitehall's vineyard. There is a reasonable alternative which uses wide headlands and open gates and is likely to be acceptable to users. Peter Self has informed me that he intends to apply for a formal diversion during this year.

Meanwhile the site of planning application 20/11636/FUL affects this RoW at its southern junction with Mons Lane – see maps below.



Planning application 20/11636/FUL – site edged red above
(east of Whitehall Farm, Mons Lane)

RoW LACO14 passes through centre of the site (see below). Although the RoW's line is currently blocked (illegally) by the rectangular compound marked under 'LA' & NW of the slurry beds, this is walked around without difficulty.

When LPC comments on this application, I suggest we should request safeguards to protect and enhance RoW LACO14.



Grit Bins

I am not aware of any grit bin issues – the only one I have checked since last report (Reybridge) shows no sign of use. Any advice from colleagues on the state of other bins is welcome.

Flood Warden

There have been further flood warning and road closures at Reybridge since the January meeting, but I am not aware of any property ingress or damage.

Responsible Finance Officer

Nothing to report

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