

## **Lacock Parish Council - Highways & Parish Steward Report – March 2021**

### **1. Lacock Parish Traffic Issues**

We are currently awaiting the Atkins project start and end dates after receiving notification from WC that they will provide another £2.5k contribution towards the project costs. The NT were also asked to make a contribution and they are considering this request.

### **2. Melksham By Pass Online 1<sup>st</sup> phase Consultation –ended on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Nothing more to report at present, after an online response was submitted by Pete Shaw on behalf of the LPC, before the deadline. Ideally, the Lacock preferred route is an eastern route that joins the A350 as near the south of the village as possible. Hopefully, other parishioners made similar online responses.

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

Still awaiting a reply from the Lorry Watch team. Peter Glen was advised that Lacock is top of the priority list for the new Lorry Watch team training in this New Year.

### **4. CATG Report**

Progress since 4<sup>th</sup> March last CATG meeting.

#### **4.1 The Notton Crossing**

After the February LPC meeting the formal request to the CATG was submitted; as the LPC had agreed. At the March CATG meeting the LPC submission was discussed but the Chair thought it should be better considered by WC Highways planners who were currently considering the A350 between the Melksham by pass at Beanacre junction and Lackham roundabout junction with the proposed Chippenham southern by pass.

At the CATG meeting, the Secretary from WC Highways Engineering, proposed discussing this with her colleagues to determine how best this is should be progressed and investigated.

#### **4.2 The 30 mph limit on Abbey Bridge**

WC Highways reported there were no objections during the consultation period. We are now awaiting WC Highways to schedule the work 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. 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. Block Drains and still to be cleared by WC Highways**

Peter Glen and Pete Shaw walking their nearby roads identifying and photographing blocked drains and gullies that still need clearing by the WC Taker cleaner. Some of these are still outstanding from 2019 and some much longer.

A list of drains these drains with photos has been emailed by Stuart G to WC Highways, today.

### **7. Parish Steward (PS)**

#### **Work for March**

- Request the PS examines the deteriorating kerb at the start of the raised walkway in Reybrige, when walking towards the Bridge.
- Examine and secure loose kerb stones in East Street. Previously, the PS was unable to locate them.
- Dig out the gully near the Abbey bridge so overspill water then drains into the existing ditch.
- Remaining priority remains with clearing drainage grips and gully's in Reybrige and other areas for the next few months.
- The PS reported in early December that the lamp light at the top of Nethercote hill is still not working. Awaiting a WC response.

- The PS gas now cleared debris from gutters and Notton (road) and widening the overgrown pavement.
- 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**