

Lacock Parish Council - Highways & Parish Steward Report – January 2022

1. Lacock Parish Traffic Issues

In late December WC Highways advised that our application for a Substantive CATG bid for the High Street West/Street junction improvements was unsuccessful.

The LPC are to discuss and agree how best to proceed with this Bid and the other priority road interventions identified by Atkins in their Lacock Traffic Study.

Funding

The CATG has very limited funding resources but will support other suitable Substantive bids in 2022/23. The Corsham Area Board (CAB) has funding but normally does not support highways initiatives, preferring to leave that to the CATG.

Writing to the Chair of WC Highways, Councillor McClelland, to ask about alternative funding remains an option and would not do any harm.

2. Lorry Watch - Enforcement of 7.5 tonne Weight Restrictions

The equipment and documents will be issued to the LW volunteers once the training of the last volunteer is completed. Peter Glen is still progressing the completion of this training with Sarah Holden.

3. CATG Report Progress since 3rd October last CATG meeting.

3.1 Proposed new road layout for the West Street High Street Junction

The application for a Substantive CATG bid for the High Street West/Street junction improvements was unsuccessful.

4. 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:-

4.1. The road signage at Church St and into Nethercote

This signage needs to be improved to inform drivers not to go to the top of Church Street and into Nethercote; as there is no through road. Cars are often seen backing down Nethercote and/or turning around in Church Street where pedestrians are freely walking. To be raised at the next CATG in January.

4.2 Block Drains still to be cleaned by WC Highways

Awaiting NT to clear the blocked ditch at the top of Bowden Hill.

WC Highways have completed digging out the collapsed roadside ditch from near Foxes Farm down to the Abbey Bridge.

The drainage access into the river needs unblocking from the ditch opposite the raised footway into the river. David Arnup WC has been asked to arrange for this to be done.

5. Remembrance Bench for Leo

Awaiting fitting by the WC Masonry Team; and it is expected to be completed, shortly.

6. Damage to the grass verge and road side opposite the Abbey entrance

The grass verge and roadside outside the Abbey has been badly damaged by illegally parked vehicles and by vehicles turning around. This is unsightly and large pools of water often form on the damaged roadside.

Stuart Gregory has written to David Arnup to clarify if WC were sourcing the low square posts or was the NT providing them? Awaiting a reply. The posts will be fitted by the WC Highways team.

The NT agreed they will landscape the verge by adding more soil and reseed the area once the posts are in place.

7. Moving the Abbey Gateway further towards the Red Lion Entrance

Karen Bolger, NT, and LPC traffic representatives, have still to meet to consider the options to where the gateway could be moved. If a viable proposal can be finalised, then it can be checked with WC Highways and hopefully agreed at an LPC meeting, before being presented to the CATG for their approval.

8. Parish Steward (PS)

Work for January may be affected by PS's availability with Road Salting duties

- Continue clearing fallen leaves on pavements where they are a safety hazard in wet and freezing weather.
- Grips and gullies- continue to be checked and cleaned. Two reported blocked gullies and gutters were cleaned out in Folly Lane East in December to stop flooding.
- Strim the long footpath from Notton School/A350 junction to the bus stop opposite Lackham college. (as PS time allows)
- Ask again for the WC Road Sweeper tanker to return again next month to keep the gutters clear of debris. The Road Sweeper cleaned the gutters in early January.

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**