

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

1. Lacock Parish Traffic Issues

At the November LPC, a priorities list from Atkins recommended road interventions was confirmed at the November LPC. Subsequently, a discussion with WC Senior Traffic engineer, Kate Davey, took place to ask how best to proceed with implementing and funding these road changes.

At this stage, it is suggested we wait to see if our WC Substantive bid was successful or not as we may need to reassess our priorities. This year's bid process may not be decided until January now.

The CATG has very limited funding resources but will support other suitable Substantive bids in 2022.

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 progressing the completion of this training with Sarah Holden.

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

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

The completed application form for a Substantive CATG bid for the High Street West/Street junction improvements for the balance of £69,000 was submitted to WC Highways, within the 16th September 2021 deadline.

We are expecting to be informed in January if our Substantive CATG bid has been successful or not.

4.2 The Notton Crossing Melksham road A350 junctions

Councillor Derek Waters has taken upon himself to deal with this issue and is in direct contact with WC Major Highways. Derek reported at the November LPC that following this meeting no road improvements will be made at this crossing point. This issue will not be progressed any further.

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 4 above:-

5.1. 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.

6. Remembrance Bench for Leo

A site meeting with David Arnup, WC Highways took place on 13th October, when the position of the bench was agreed to avoid any underground utility services.

Peter Glen finished constructing the bench and fitting is arranged with David Arnup and the WC Masonry Team; it is expected to be completed, shortly.

7. 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.

It was agreed at an October site meeting that the low square posts will be sourced and paid for by the NT and 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.

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

Traffic coming down past the Red Lion and turning around outside the Abbey was raised as pedestrian safety and road damage issues by Karen; who asked if the Gateway could be moved further up the High Street towards to the Red lion entrance.

Karen Bolger, NT, and LPC traffic representatives, have yet 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.

9. Parish Steward (PS)

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

- Repair of low stone retention wall at the top of the Nethercote ford, damaged by joy riders ,has been repaired by the PS. Thanks to Simon Wise (LPC) for providing some stone.
- Continue clearing fallen leaves on pavements where they are a safety hazard in wet and freezing weather. (pavement near the High St Hither Way junction was cleared in early December)
- Grips and gullies in Ryebriidge were checked and cleared. PS to continue with other roads
- 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 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

