

## **Lacock Parish Council - Highways & Parish Steward Report – March 2022**

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

The virtual meeting was held, as planned, on 4<sup>th</sup> March with Kate Davey WC Highways, Pete Shaw LPC and Stuart Gregory LPC to discuss how best to proceed with the High St/West St Substantive failed Bid and with implementing the other traffic interventions identified in the Atkins report.

Kate suggested that WC, with Pete and Stuart, re-examine the proposed High Street/ West Street layout to identify where costs could possibly be reduced. If so, then a new substantive bid submission could be made in Sept 2022 and with the same LPC contribution, this is much more likely to be successful.

Kate also suggested we formally submit the priority Atkins initiatives, previously agreed by the LPC, to the April CATG for consideration.

These priority initiatives are traffic calming (raised tables) at: -

Bowden Hill (Forrest Lane) and The Wharf (above the bridge), Cantax Hill (top) with extended 30 mph, West St (near Cemetery).

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> January last CATG meeting.

#### **3.1 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.

A proposal to improve signage and to make East Street one way (down from the Red Lion) to be discussed with the LPC and at the April CATG Meeting.

### **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 Block Drains still to be cleaned by WC Highways**

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.

#### **4.2 Auto Speed Watch Camera system**

This details of this speed watch system were sent in to the LPC. This appears to be an inexpensive system that identifies speeding offenders' registrations and automatically report a summary to the Police over the internet. The police can subsequently make radar speed checks at the times when the worst offences are occurring and then prosecute.

Derek Waters is obtaining feedback from the local Police as to the camera's effectiveness. Awaiting his reply for the LPC Meeting.

### **5. Double Yellow Road Lining**

In January 2019 we made an application to double yellow line the 30m length outside the Abbey to dissuade drivers from seeking parking spaces and turning around damaging the road and verges.

A similar request was made in July 2020 with the Nethercote turning circle. Residents there are complaining that cars are regularly parking there making turning very difficult.

WC Senior Traffic Engineer, Jamie Mundy, has replied to my recent email requesting WC complete the long outstanding work, soon. The inspections and Yellow lining were delayed for the past two years due to Covid. I could not get any commitment as to when our yellow lining request will be dealt with, but more WC inspection staff are now available after their recent reorganisation. I will raise this at the CATG for their help.

### **6. Remembrance Bench for Leo**

Peter Glen is awaiting a reply from Ringway with a precise fitting date; now they have all the safety information they require attached to the job ticket.

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

The grass verge and roadside outside the Abbey is being 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's now been agreed with the Karen Bolger, that the NT will source the posts using a specification provided by Dave Arnup, WC Highways. The posts will be fitted 3 m apart by the WC Highways team to prevent parking on verge.

Once the posts are installed the NT have already agreed to landscape the verge by adding more soil and reseeding the area.

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

Karen Bolger, NT, and LPC traffic representatives Stuart Gregory and Pete Shaw, meet on site to consider the options as to where the gateway could be moved. The current Gateway allows vehicles to go to the Abbey entrance and to turn around in areas where pedestrians are walking. This is a safety concern and causes unsightly road and verge damage.

No other new gateway position was thought to be a practical option. The NT are going to document the issues and what they hope to achieve from moving the gateway. The LTG are to discuss the issues with WC Highways and CATG and ask for their ideas with moving the Gateway. Awaiting NT to reply.

**9. Parish Steward (PS)**

**Work for March may still be affected by PS's availability with Road Salting duties**

- Grips and gullies- continue to be checked and cleaned.
- Fill pothole on the fallen grid cover at the Cantax Hill village gates.
- Large brown NT parking direction sign at the Cantax Hill and Lovers walk junction has been torn down and badly damaged by person/s unknown. Arrange for repair or replacement in due course.
- 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

*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**