

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

1. CATG Report Progress since April's CATG meeting.

An onsite meeting in Lacock with Sarah Dearden WC Highways, Pete Shaw and Stuart Gregory did take place as planned to review the High Street/ West Street layout; to identify where cost savings can be made. Based on this meeting a draft new layout is being prepared by Sarah, hopefully before the next CATG meeting on 6th July.

2. Lorry Watch - Enforcement of 7.5 tonne Weight Restrictions

Now the Jubilee celebrations are completed, the equipment and documents will be issued to the LW volunteers shortly, to start the lorry watch monitoring.

3. 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 1, above: -

3.1 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. Still outstanding. Raised now with Derek Walters

3.2 Auto Speed Watch Camera (ASW) system

March LPC discussed and approved buying a camera and has now been obtained. The camera was be fitted but in consultation with WC Highways they stated the data was **not** acceptable to the Police. Pete and Stuart attended the Corsham Area Board meeting to hear presentation by John Derryman, responsible for speed watch groups in Wiltshire and to ask for his assistance.

John confirmed that Wiltshire Police **will** accept Auto Speed Watch Data using their "report a crime " tool. This is contrary to what Wiltshire Highways are saying. John has written to WC Cabinet Minister for Highways Councillor to correct this view and to get the use of ASW cameras more widely used in Wiltshire.

We will now be requesting WC Highways to finally approve the installation of our camera.

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

Awaiting a reply from David Arnup as to when the posts can be fitted by the WC Highways team.

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

5. Moving the Gate outside the Abbey further towards the Red Lion Entrance

Awaiting reply from Karen Bolger NT to document the issues with the current gateway and what they hope to achieve from moving the gateway. Once NT reply is received, the LTG will discuss the issues with WC Highways and the CATG and ask for their ideas with moving the Gateway.

6. Double Yellow Lining still outstanding from 2019

Recent tar spraying and gravelling of Corsham Road covered much of the yellow lining near Whitehall that was only completed in March 2022. This was a waste of resources that arguably could have been used to complete the overdue short lengths of double yellow lining outside the Abbey and at the top of Nethercote.

An e mail was sent to WC Highways lining engineer making this point and asking again for the outstanding lining work in Lacock to be completed soon.

7. Parish Steward (PS)

Work for June

- Strim to remove weeds, but spray weeds as necessary in Cantax Hill, Lacock Village, Reybridge and the Abbey bridge walk way
- Inspect and repair the loose barrier near the bench, opposite the Pack Horse Bridge
- Grips and gullies- continue to be checked and cleaned.
- Request the WC Road Sweeper tanker 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**