

Lacock Parish Council - Highways & Parish Steward Report – March 2023

1. Introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in Lacock Village

After approval by the LHFIG, Sarah Dearden, WC Highways Senior Engineer, has the 20mph on her work list.

The Traffic Regulations Order (TRO) will be written towards the end of March and sent to the TRO team for advertising/consulting.

If there are no objections to the proposed 20 mph limit, then a works order will be prepared and sent to the new Milestone TMC for implementation.

If there are any objections Sarah Dearden will write a report to the WC Cabinet Member for their consideration and if they agree to proceed, then a works order will be prepared.

So, at present it's hard to say precisely when the 20 mph limits will be introduced. It's all dependant on any objections, which will inevitably cause delays of a few months. However, it is proceeding and will be implemented shortly.

2. High Street/West Street Revised Layout Improvement

Still awaiting a decision from WC to see if our Substantive bid has been successful.

If so, the work will start in the 2023/24 financial year.

Sarah Dearden is progressing with Gareth Rogers WC Highways to see if he has any information on the substantive bid delays.

3. Lacock Traffic Group (LTG) Subcommittee reporting to the LPC

4.1 Auto Speed Watch Camera (ASW) system

The Auto Speed Watch camera is operational on Bowden Hill. One car was recorded doing 58 mph! It's now planned to move the camera to another location nearer Abbey bridge where better visibility for the camera can be found.

4. Coaches back in the Village

Everyone, please continue report the details of the coaches that are still parking badly to Pete Shaw, or Peter Glen or Stuart Gregory to progress with the coach companies involved. A photograph of such incidents would be a great help.

5. Double Yellow Lining still outstanding from 2019

The outstanding short lengths of double yellow lining outside the Abbey and at the top of Nethercote are planned in 2023 financial year.

Sarah Dearden is writing all the legal orders at present. They will be going out for advertising and consultation during April. If there are no objections the yellow lining should be completed during the summer months.

6. Bowden Hill – road damage caused by overflowing pond

A meeting took place on 28th February with the NT and LPC. Progress was made and responsibilities for undertaking work were agreed.

However, water from the Common is still overflowing down Bowden Hill, gullies are blocked and ditches are still in need of cleaning out.

The long outstanding requirement from before 2021 for the NT to clean out the ditches from Griffin Farm Estate to past the Bowden Estate entrance was not discussed due to time constraints. Cleaning out this ditch will improve the drainage and avoid further damage to the road surfaces that is occurring; and a higher risk of accidents from the water and ice on the road.

7. Parish Steward (PS)

Work for the March PS's visit

The PS is temporarily transferred to work in Gloucester. I have yet to ascertain who is the replacement.

- Grips and gullies- continue to be checked and cleaned.
- Continue to identify and fill potholes.
- Request the WC Road Sweeper tanker returns 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. Please be observant and let us know of any other PS jobs ASAP, ideally with a photograph to identify issue and its precise location.

Stuart Gregory and Pete Shaw