

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

1. LHFIG Update on the Meeting 26th April 2023

The WC Ringway contract has now terminated and from 1st April 2023 Milestone are the new WC preferred company for construction.

Out of the LHFIG budget of £21,902 for 2023/24 there is only £9,146 left. This is after existing projects already committed to in 2023/24. Last year, all the previous year's underspends had to be spent in 2022/23. Nothing was allowed to be carried forward to 2023/24. This is the case this forthcoming year too.

In future, we were informed that all LHFIG projects must first be approved by their Parish Councils and submitted using a LHFIG form for consideration whether to proceed or not.

I did inform the LHFIG meeting that the LPC want to progress other traffic calming measures previously logged with the LHFIG. Finance is very tight with £9,146 left for 2023/24, so I think we probably need another Substantive bid with at least 1/3 of the cost contributed by the LPC. Also, Sarah Dearden from WC Highways is very busy. So, it may be difficult to elicit her help to design and obtain agreement for appropriate traffic calming measures in time for the Substantive Bid deadline.

1.1 Introduction of 20 mph and 30 mph speed limit in Lacock Village and Hither Way

The WC Highways will manage the planning and installation of these lower speed limits with the NT paying all the costs involved. The LPC will be seeking to extend the 20 mph area as wide as possible.

The NT are currently deciding where removable traffic signage may be needed. These lockable signs can be taken down before filming takes place in the village.

Sarah Dearden, WC Highways, is awaiting a response from the NT to complete the detail plans and costings, with a timescale for completion of the work.

1.2 High Street/West Street Revised Layout Improvement

At the April LHFIG meeting we were informed that the High Street / West Street project is scheduled to be completed in January/February 2024.

On behalf of the LPC, I thanked Sarah Dearden and Ruth Hopkinson, Chair of the LHFIG, for their support with getting our substantive bid accepted and the work scheduled.

We will keep everyone advised of the implementation details once these plans are finalised by WC. To be progressed with WC Highways.

1.3 Double Yellow Lining still outstanding from 2019

All the necessary legal traffic orders are now completed. They will be issued for advertising and consultation in May. If there are no objections the yellow lining should be completed during the summer/ early autumn months. To be progressed at the next LHFIG meeting.

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

Auto Speed Watch Camera (ASW) system

It is now planned to move the camera to another location nearer Abbey bridge where there is better visibility of car number plates.

3. Coaches back in the Village

Two new coach parking incidents were observed recently involving Premium and Circle Coaches; who were parked in the village on yellow lines, obstructing the highway. We hope to discuss how this could best be stopped at the May LPC meeting.

Everyone, please continue to 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 to show location and time.

4. Parish Steward (PS)

Mark Hawkins-Wyatt, our Parish Steward, will no longer be working in our Parish. Mark has been very hard working and has done a fantastic job for our Parish these past 6+ years. He will be missed by many of us.

Currently, all the Parish Stewards are WC grass cutting until the end of May . After which I hope to meet our new Parish Steward.

- 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.
- Cutting back vegetation that is obscuring footpaths
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