

## Lacock Parish Council - Highways & Parish Steward Report – October 2023

### **1. Introduction of 20 mph and 30 mph speed limit in Lacock Village and Hither Way**

Sarah Dearden, WC Highways Senior Engineer, advised the Lacock 20mph and Hither Way 30mph go on advert next week (for 4 weeks) if we get no objections Sarah can complete the designs and issue a works package to Milestone ,the contractor, (end Nov). However, if we get any objections then a report has to be written for cabinet member consideration and that will cause delay.

### **2. Traffic calming measures**

On 21st August Sarah Dearden, WC Highways Senior Engineer , did a site visit with Pete and Stuart and suggested the following interventions :-

1. Bowden Hill /Forrest Lane at the Village Gateway
2. On the Warfe, below the 30 mph sign, approaching Abbey Bridge from the south.
3. Down from the village gateway at Cantax Hill before the first bend (Lover's walk junction)
4. Cantax Hill down from where two service roads join the road

The intention with the two Cantax Hill interventions is to slow traffic down before entering the village 20 mph zone from the north. The raised table at the West street junction will slow traffic entering the village from the south. Sarah advised using pillow humps at these new locations. To be progressed at the LHFIG meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

### **3. High Street/West Street Revised Layout Improvement**

High Street / West Street project TRO's are completed and the plan it is now advertised for comment. The road work is scheduled to start 22/1/24 January and be completed in 16/2/2024.

### **4. Double Yellow Lining still outstanding from 2019**

All the necessary legal traffic orders are now completed for outside the Abbey and for the turning circle at the top of Nethercote. The advertising for comment is now taking place.

Stuart has e mailed Dave Arnup at WC, who has instructed that the Nethercote "Keep Clear" white repainting is included in their work schedule. Continue to be progressed with Dave Arnup.

### **5. Blocked Grids and Gullies**

Peter Glen has done some excellent work identifying and photographing the roads surface drainage problems we are experiencing in Lacock. How to best proceed to get blocked drains cleared by WC?

### **6. Lacock Traffic Group (LTG) Subcommittee reporting to the LPC**

#### Auto Speed Watch Camera (ASW) system

The camera has been moved to outside the old chapel with some interesting high speed results, including regular offenders. These details were forwarded to the Police.

Pete will update the LPC at the October meeting,

### **7. Stonegate Road Entrance improvements.**

At the last LPC meeting, the LPC stated they were unable to fund any work. Stuart wrote to Mark Edwards, health and safety manager, about the lack of funding. Mark then spoke to his MD who

has agreed to undertake the cost, once the improvements are decided. A form has been submitted to the CAB for their consideration, for their submission to the LHFIG to manage the work required. To be progressed at the LHFIG on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **8. Coaches back in the Village**

Incidents of coaches parking badly continues.

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 log. A photograph of such incidents would be a great help to show location and time.

#### **9. Parish Steward (PS)**

Three large potholes on Abbey bridge and the Warfe Repair pothole were filled

The few loose cobbles from the Pack Horse stream bed were recovered from a neighbour and fixed back in place.

Weeds were sprayed in Cantax Hill and West Street but further spraying on missed areas is needed. Road sweeper was in the village and cleaned some of the gutters .

Currently, I am aware of the following work for the PS : -

- Spray weeds in gutters and pavements in roads identified.
- Strim nettles in Lovers Walk that restrict access to stile and the path.
- Examine and repair kerb damage caused by a car at the High St/East street junction.
- Grips and gullies to continue to be checked and cleaned.
- Request the WC Road Sweeper tanker returns again next month to keep the gutters clear of debris. I'm told this is being scheduled.

***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**