

Lacock Parish Council - Highways & Parish Steward Report – February 2024

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

Sarah Dearden, WC Highways Senior Engineer, has advised that the Lacock 20mph and Hither Way 30mph is likely to cost £6,200 . An invoice will not be raised until the job is completed on the ground, when a final cost invoice will be forwarded to the NT.

Our request for an earlier introduction was progressed again at the January LHFIG meeting on 17th January. However, it is unlikely to be earlier than late Spring or early Summer.

2. Traffic calming measures

We are still awaiting a date for Sarah's site visit to do a site visit with Pete and Stuart to confirm and cost the proposed 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

3. High Street/West Street Revised Layout Improvement

High Street / West Street project road work on the roundabout has been completed after nearly seven years.

There are favourable comments about the new junction that is a big improvement and the traffic calming has slowed traffic.

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 finished with no complaints. Now awaiting a date when the work is programmed. Will progress this again at the April LHFIG meeting.

5. Resident Parking Scheme

Pete and Stuart did meet with with Sonja Mc Millan and 4 of her team at the end of January.

The reason for the meeting was to ask the NT for their thoughts on reducing Parking and traffic in the village; and to explain what are thoughts were. Also, to describe how a permit parking scheme might work and to ascertain NT views and support.

The principle of reducing visitor parking in the area of the older original part of the village was supported by NT. They are interested in helping to develop a Permit scheme.

We agreed to do further work and meet again next month.

6. Blocked Grids and Gullies

Peter Glen identified and photographed the roads surface drainage problems we are experiencing in Lacock. Despite repair work in October 2023 water is still bubbling up in the road near the top of Bowden Hill. Dave Arnup (WC) and Gemma (WC) are informed of the problems and to enquire how and when blocked drains will be cleared?

All the gullies in Bewley Lane were reported to be now blocked too.

This is a problem that becoming intolerable and needs to be given higher priority by WC.

Lacock Traffic Group (LTG) Subcommittee reporting to the LPC

Auto Speed Watch Camera (ASW) system

Pete has taken down our speed watch camera for safe keeping until the Police are able to use the data.

7. Stonegate Road Entrance improvements.

A form has been submitted to the CAB for their consideration, and submitted to the LHFIG to manage the design work required. Funding will be from Stonegate for this work.

Unfortunately, despite self funding, there are other projects that are prioritised ahead of this work needing Sarah Dearden's time. I have informed Mark Edwards at Stonegate of the delay.

This was progressed at the LHFIG meeting on 17th January to ask again for a visit by Sarah Dearden, but no priority date was given.

8. Coaches back in the Village

Incidents of coaches parking badly continues.

The ban on coaches using Bowden hill is one option being considered.

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)

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

- Repairing potholes. Please advice of any with a photo and location photo.
- Grips and gullies to continue to be checked and cleaned where the PS is able to do so.
- 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 at the next LPC meeting.***

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