

# BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Highways Report

There follows a report on highways defects and related matters.

Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022



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Bibury Parish Council – Highways

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## REPORT

### 1. Defects Reported / Actions

1.1) **Location:** Hawker's Hill / B4425 to Arlington Row

**Issue:** Action is required by GCC Highways to improve the overall condition of the road surface of Hawker's Hill to protect the grass island and deter vehicles from turning. Also revised signage is required to direct traffic past Hawkers's Hill towards the parking in Bibury

**Enquiry Numbers:** Roadworks TBA / Signage - 11363212

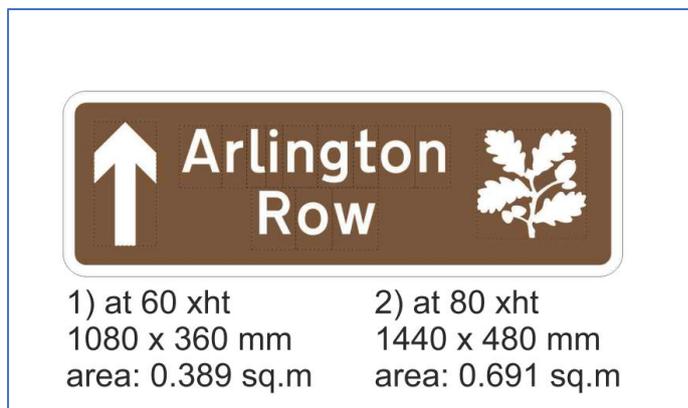
**Reported by:** Cllr Ann Haigh / supported by Resident Paul Hudson, Cllrs Craig Chapman, Neil Clegg and Richard Williams

The condition of Hawker's Hill to include the grass island at the top has substantially deteriorated and action as follows is proposed:

- a. Insert a double tier of granite sets around the island in line with where the boundary was previously. The sets would go behind the drain grate helping it to collect rainwater. Also, to insert a strip of granite sets opposite, in front of the verge by Awkward Hill Cottage. This would preserve the island and make it more difficult for vehicles to use it as a mini roundabout. The island could then be back filled with fresh earth and subject to the Parish Council and neighbouring residents approval, could be adopted as a green space
- b. No funds are available to resurface the carriageway, but Richard Gray will price up for replacing the carriage way at the junction on the main road and Hawkers Hill. This would happen after April and the Parish Council would have to pay the cost of this.
- c. Rationalise the signage by removing the two signs on the grass island altogether, to have just a 'No Through Road' sign, a "No turning beyond this point" sign & possibly 'No Parking' sign.
- d. To have a brown tourist sign to be sited on the right going down the hill close to the Notice Board (being repaired), showing the direction of 'Arlington Row' (**as below**) so that drivers will see it earlier before taking the decision to turn right into Hawkers Hill (coming down the hill). Cost is approximately £600 (depending on ground works) for the larger sign and £500 for the smaller whilst the National Trust have agreed to fund half the cost and Highways the balance although the Parish Council may be asked to also contribute.

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Note / Approx. 1) 3 ft 6 ins x 1 ft 2 ins. 2) 4 ft 8 ins x 1 ft 7 ins.

**STATUS** – 1) Costs are still awaited from Highways for work on the island and re-surfacing at the bottom of Hawkers Hill. 2) Parish Council approval to be agreed at the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> June for the Arlington Row sign.

1.2) **Location:** The footbridge along Water Lane by the Doll's House garden

**Issue:** This is rotting and will soon be a significant hazard to pedestrians.

**Enquiry Number:** 11361898

**Reported by:** Cllr Ann Haigh and notified to GCC Highways by CRC on 13 April 2022

There was initial reflection as to whether the bridge is the responsibility of GCC Highways or the National Trust. However, Highways instigated a Path Warden inspection by their bridge contractor with a view to repair/replacement. They indicated that unfortunately they are not minded to do any of the works due to 'being extremely busy and the 'hassle' when inspecting the bridge'. Highways then organised a meeting planned for 7<sup>th</sup> June with their Path Warden to reconsider what to do there.

**STATUS** – CRC has requested feedback from the meeting and this is awaited

1.3) **Location:** Pavement B4425 from Fiveways towards Arlington

**Issue:** The pavement is overgrown so that only single file walking is possible whilst this needs to be close the pavement edge and the person reporting had his wrist struck by a car

**Enquiry Number:** 11367769

**Reported by:** Jeff Evans and communicated to GCC Highways by CRC on 8 June 2022

This is being addressed and Gillian Portlock of GCC Highways who has responsibility to arrange a cut back of the vegetation and earth encroachment

**STATUS** – CRC to monitor that the work is undertaken

1.4) **Location:** Raised section of pavement on the hill down to Bibury, on a curve, just beyond The Old Post Office

**Issue:** Need for a handrail / barrier due to the risk from falling

**Enquiry Number:** Not allocated

**Reported by:** Mary Ludbrook and notified to GCC Highways by CRC on 16 May 2022

Richard Gray / Highways indicated that the introduction of a pedestrian restraint barrier or fencing on this historic wall and narrow footway, which would have to be set back a minimum of 300mm from the edge, would impede room for pedestrians pushing buggies/prams and mobility carts to pass safely hence he cannot support. CRC proposed that the rail be attached to the outside of the footway on the road-side whilst this was indicated as a risk to traffic.

**STATUS** - It would seem that no further action is likely – remove from next report

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**1.5) Location:** B4425 road from Bibury to Barnsley

**Issue:** Flooding Issues

**Enquiry Number:** 11338246

**Reported by:** Cllr Neil Clegg and communicated to GCC Highways by Craig Chapman: 28 September 2021

Proposed works on the road / hill up to Five Ways, Bibury to convert one or two of the offlets to gullies (grid / sump / drain pipe away to the ditch) to give more resilience, find more permanent solutions to the existing grips and uncover kerb offlets / gullies and clean / jet them out (also to clean away the detritus that has built up beyond the kerb-line)

**STATUS** – Highways will look to implement in 2022 whilst the priorities are the hill up to Five Ways and the road into Barnsley (where areas of flooding persist) before and as the road bends to the right (coming from Bibury).

**1.6) Location:** B4425 (Fiveways back towards Barnsley)

**Issue:** Potholes / need for resurfacing

**Enquiry Number:** 11359381

**Reported by:** Cllr Craig Chapman / Resident – Paul Hudson

CRC elevated the situation regarding potholes resulting in damage to car tyres. It was initially indicated that whilst the patching is acknowledged as a temporary solution the 2022/2023 Capital Scheme coming into effect (from 6 April) will be targeted at a more permanent solution of resurfacing and CRC requested feedback on timing. The feedback on timing was that CRC had been incorrectly notified so that resurfacing for the B4425 is actually the work being undertaken during May from The Street / Aldsworth Road (see 2.2) whilst budget will be allocated to patching.

**STATUS** – CRC responded to indicate that patching is an inadequate solution for this part of the B4425 which is in a worst state of repair than The Street / Aldsworth Road. Paul Hudson similarly wrote to indicate the un-acceptable state of the road. A response was received acknowledging the issue of potholes whilst the focus at this time, whilst resurfacing budget is un-available, will be on regular inspection and patching.

## 2. Other

### 2.1) Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

Following approval of a final package of drawings by a majority of the Parish Council on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 an informal consultation with residents via an area appropriate letter drop (to include detail of the TRO process and reasoning for the proposals) was initiated with a response date of 26<sup>th</sup> May. Following the Parish Council Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> May it was requested that this be extended and this was implemented (to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022) whilst the request that the wider village be contacted with the overall plans could not be implemented.

Once this informal consultation is complete, based on the feedback received (which is logged in a database), any changes to the proposals will be discussed and agreed with the Parish Council prior to moving onto the next phase. The consultation is not being run by the Parish Council, it is on behalf of GCC and the Parish Council is facilitating the process. The remainder of the TRO Process is as follows:

1. A Statutory Consultation will take place (fire, police, parish council, county councillor, LHM, ambulance etc.)
2. A Notice of Proposal (Public Consultation) process will follow whereby:

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- a. Notices and plans are erected on street furniture
  - b. Advertised in the local press
  - c. Placed on the county council website
3. A report will then be written outlining the process and making a recommendation on how to proceed to be sent to the Council for sign off
  4. If approved, Detailed Designs are drawn up and sent to the site team who will install the various measures and the Order is made.

## 2.2) Resurfacing B4425

Significant resurfacing works was undertaken on the B4425 Bibury (from The Street) to Aldsworth Road which was closed in sections from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.