

Lacock Parish Council – written update January & February 2025

The ongoing communications with Highways concerning their recent enforcement of unofficial stopping-up measures has resulted in an application to LHFIG for guidance and potential funding for white/yellow lining in strategic places in the village to address pedestrian safety issues that have been created by Highways enforcement. We are waiting for further LHFIG guidance and feedback on the viability of Lacock's application.

Our online petition regarding pedestrian safety was unsuccessful in eliciting a favourable response from Wiltshire Council generally or Highways.

Richard Clewer's attendance at our 10 February meeting was confirmed then cancelled. After further correspondence, he has offered a new date outside of our parish council meeting which the chair, deputy chair and clerk will attend. We will be discussing the recent flooding and important planning and traffic matters with him, which will be in addition to our January letter to him requesting a written response to flooding issues connected to construction developments north and south of our parish.

Analysis of NT's vehicle survey conducted during late August remains pending and will be reported to us at February's meeting.

The ongoing issue of planning permission at the Carpenters' Arms continues with the owner stressing the need for permission to be granted for internal restoration works before further dilapidation occurs.

The transfer of responsibility for the village-centre play park to NT has been completed and documents have been signed and sent to Land Registry for correct registration. This has taken a year of internal parish council discussions and we would like to recognise NT's patience during this process.

There has been lots of progress at Corsham Road with cleaning of the bus shelter and the erection of a smart new village noticeboard.

We are now investigating flood signage options at key entrances to the village and a parishioner has suggested livestream cameras on both our bridges linked to our website so that commuters using the village can be advised of bridge closures and seek alternative routes. There are many suggestions on a range of cost scales for us to investigate over the next few months in the hope that we can get ahead of this Autumn's flood season.

Dr Louise Heren
Chair, Lacock Parish Council – working with our community