

Coberley Parish – Highways issues requiring resolution

For 14 September 2017:

1. Safety issues, including vegetation at Ullenwood/Cowley crossroads:
Feasibility Report done by the Road Safety Hub. Not considered a Highways priority for this year compared to the other reports produced across the County. ACTION: PC should maintain profile on this and continue to press for action.
2. Twisted sign on westbound carriageway of A436 opposite Oxford Cottages requires straightening/replacement. ACTION: PC to report via gcccouncillors@amey.co.uk
3. Review of north- and south-bound carriageways of Leckhampton Hill Road (3/377) between Crickley Hill Country Park, Ullenwood Court and Salterley Grange. Regular recurrence of potholes indicates more comprehensive patching required. Danny Taylor advises that, from the 2017/18 budget, there will be £5K funding for patching Leckhampton Hill Road and £5K for the A436 (between Air Balloon roundabout and Seven Springs) **Leckhampton Hill Road work (£5K) has been commissioned. Due to have been carried out 12/13 July. Will commission the A436 work later this year.** ACTION: Danny Taylor to progress Amey.
4. Signage cleaning/replacement
 - a. Reflectors beside South House on A436 at Ullenwood junction. Reported through gcccouncillors@amey.co.uk 29 March. Logged under Amey Ref 22013261 and assigned to the local Highways Safety Inspector for inspection. Parish Council chased up 11 July. **Amey advised on 13 July, have re-opened enquiry for the local Area Highways Representative and requested an update.** ACTION: Amey; PC monitor & follow up.
 - b. Gate sign + rectangular sign at entrance to Coberley Road off A436 – inspect/replace. Reported to gcccouncillors@amey.co.uk. 14 July. Logged under Amey Ref 22015526. Assigned to the local Area Highways Representative. ACTION: Amey; PC monitor & follow up.
5. The “Gates” sign at the Leckhampton Hill end of Hartley Lane is filthy and has a drystone wall built around it. **Danny recommended that the PC reports direct to gcccouncillors@amey.co.uk. Done by Dan Powell 18 July.** ACTION: Amey; PC to monitor
6. Drain covers A436 between Oxford Cottages and Seven Springs – Richard Gray stated this would be ongoing programme to replace and inset to verge. Only one done to date. PC requested acceleration of programme. **Now advised that as high voltage cable runs along verge Highways not able to dig to inset remaining drains. Must therefore, remain in present positions.** ACTION: PC to monitor and report any deterioration in covers.
7. Farm vehicle signs required on A435 north and south of Upper Coberley/Hilcot junction. Important to take care over positioning so as not to obscure line-of-sight for vehicles exiting the junction (either small cars or large

farm vehicles) Following on-site meeting with David Findlay 10 Feb, implementation of signage agreed. Will be installed as soon as possible in new budget after 1 April. **Work due to be carried out 1st week August – Job no. 42255759, still outstanding. ACTION: Danny Taylor/Amey**

8. Flooding on A435 still to be resolved (north of Seven Springs roundabout) Danny advises that work has been done. Asks for Parish views as to whether situation has improved or are there still problems? **ACTION: PC to advise.**
9. Safety measures and speed restriction possibilities on Ullenwood Manor Road to be reviewed. Highlighted on hotspot list from the Road Safety Partnership and as such has been left with Improvement Team for capital funding. Danny has provided 6 “20 is Plenty” signs which are being installed along the length of the road. Suggested that we relocate signs periodically to refresh awareness. Danny discussing provision of Cotswold Way National Trail signage (aimed at motorists, not walkers) with Rights of Way Officer. This would also be applied to relevant section of Hartley Lane. **John Lane (PROW Officer) still looking at this. Some resistance to more signage in rural areas. Paul Hodgkinson suggested white lining at both sides of the carriageway and Danny was positive about this – He will consider. ACTION: Danny Taylor ref white lining; PC to continue to press for Cotswold Way signage.**
10. The footpath on the A435 from Seven Springs to Charlton Kings is overgrown in places and a parishioner has reported seeing pedestrians going into the road to get past. **Work to be carried out Mid-September using new machine This will be first major demonstration of new equipment in County. ACTION: Danny Taylor**
11. Issues with road surface of A436 by Oxford Cottages. Query water/gravel flow from track by Barbers Wood onto A436. This was part of Improvement Scheme Review ref Ullenwood/Cowley crossroads – **Now deferred – see item 1. ACTION: PC to continue to press for action.**
12. Blocked drains at Hartley Farm (water runs straight over drains down to the farmhouse) Danny advised grips should now be cleared. Dan Powell advised that it is the drains which need clearing. Problem still exists. **Danny recommends issue is reported to gcccouncillors@amey.co.uk. ACTION: Dan Powell**
13. Degraded verge following the Hartley Lane resurfacing project from Minotaur Barn to Hartley Farm. Amey brought some extra topsoil to solve the problem last year, but this has not worked and further erosion of the verge has occurred. **Danny unable to identify problem area and requires further information. Can Dan Powell e-mail map/location detail please? ACTION: Dan Powell**
14. Vegetation cut-back on Salterley bends (Leckhampton Hill Road 3/377) including inside verge and overhanging trees/shrubs masking signage. Verge cutting done. Danny arranged vegetation cut-back at exit from Hartley Lane in Lengthman’s Project. **Footpath north of Salterley Grange entrance is overgrown and hazardous. Requires urgent clearance. Amey advised on 4 Sept this has been logged under Amey Ref 22016636 and assigned to the local Highways Safety Inspector. ACTION: Amey/Danny Taylor**
15. Bend sign, between first and second bend, on south-bound carriageway of Leckhampton Hill Road 3/377 at Salterley is masked by vegetation, is in poor state and is mounted too high for viewing by drivers. Needs to be replaced and lowered (similar to ‘junction on bend’ sign further south). **Duncan McGaw**

provided photo to Danny Taylor & Amey 2 Sept. On 4 Sept, Amey advised that this has been logged under Amey Ref 22016635 and assigned to the local Area Highways Representative. ACTION: Amey/Danny Taylor

16. Flooding on Salterley bends: Danny met with Blackhedge Farm owner. Gullies on his land leading to soak-away have never been cleaned. In future Highways will clean when doing those in road. Grips on Hartley Lane were blocked and water flowing down to main road. Now cleared. Gully cleaning twice per year. Noted that flooding has occurred since (16, 17 and 29 May) Drain still needs clearing. 19 July Danny requested Amey Highways rep Dave Findlay to review and arrange appropriate action. ACTION: Danny Taylor/Dave Findlay
17. Old bus-stop south of Salterley Grange entrance: Danny to investigate blocking this off by filling in old bus pull-in to match grass bank to north, so that road width is consistent. Hence preventing parking, which is a visual obstruction to traffic exiting Salterley Grange turning right to Cheltenham. 19 July Danny requested Dave Findlay to review and recommend solution. ACTION: Danny Taylor/Dave Findlay
18. Safety issues at Greenway Lane/Ullenwood Manor Road junction with Leckhampton Hill Road: Local residents have raised concerns about the danger of exiting Greenway Lane due to speeds on the main road, single car width of Greenway Lane and lack of any visibility splays. Solutions are sought to reduce speeds. Requested Danny to review location of repeater 40 mph signs between cross roads and Salterley Grange (one is on opposite side of road). Also, to advise on additional measures at start of 40 mph zone, such as creation of a 'gateway', 'Please Drive Carefully' signs etc. Local resident Nigel Rowley has referred to solutions deployed in other areas, where "Please drive carefully" signs, accompanied by red/white chequered banding have been deployed. These are possibly privately sourced. Mr Rowley has offered to secure funding towards such signs. Also request for pedestrian crossing signs at cross roads due to Cotswold Way crossing Leckhampton Hill Road. 19/7 Danny undertook to co-ordinate meeting with Parish Council, Nigel Rowley, Road Safety Hub and possibly Local Policing Team urgently. **Still outstanding** ACTION: Danny Taylor
19. Parishioner advised that double white lines on A435 at Coberley Road junction are faded and therefore, hazardous. Centre-line obvious, but double line not clear. 19 July Danny requested Dave Findlay to arrange re-paint of double white lines. ACTION: Danny Taylor/Dave Findlay
20. Road markings on A435 approach from south onto Seven Springs roundabout are needed to identify vehicle positioning for left turn (towards Air Balloon) and straight ahead (Cheltenham and Oxford A436). Incorrect positioning of vehicles is hazardous. Photos provided to Paul Hodgkinson & Danny Taylor 10 June. Paul Hodgkinson/Danny Taylor reviewed and agree that different road markings or signage are needed. This will happen, but no timescale set yet. ACTION: Danny Taylor to provide timescale.
21. Residents consider that signage inadequate at Seven Springs roundabout approaching from east on A436. Confusion regarding Gloucester and Cirencester turns. Results in vehicles taking first turn off to Cirencester when actually wanting Gloucester turn. Then using Slacks Farm/Upper Coberley junction to turn around. This causes road safety hazard. Photos provided to Paul Hodgkinson & Danny Taylor 10 June. Paul Hodgkinson/Danny Taylor

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22. Similarly, concerns that many vehicles travelling to Cirencester on A417 up Crickley Hill are taking the Oxford A436 exit instead of continuing round to second exit for Cirencester. Subsequently, vehicles turn in entrance to National Star College Golf entrance. Meeting initially considered that signage is adequate, but further inspection raises possibility that there is some room for misunderstanding in the left-hand image on two of the signs on Crickley Hill, which, at a quick glance, could lead drivers to go straight ahead for the A417. ACTION: PC to raise with Highways England
23. Resident advises that steps from public footpath (Hartley Bottom – Coberley village) west of Seven Springs have eroded and descent is dangerous, leading straight onto A436. Paul Hodgkinson raised with Mike Barton, Amey PROW Officer. MB carried out a site visit with contractor and awaiting quote. ACTION: Paul Hodgkinson & Mike Barton
24. PC supports reduction in speed limit from 50 mph to 40 mph on A436 from the layby appx. 400 yards east of the Air Balloon roundabout to the brow of the hill east of Oxford Cottages. ACTION: PC/Paul Hodgkinson/Danny Taylor to discuss.