

Coberley Parish – Minor Highways issues

Additional items for Parish Council Meeting, 24 June 2021 WITH HIGHWAYS' RESPONSES:

1. There is a very dead ash tree on the right before you reach the Court/Church. It is on the verge. (Photo supplied).
2. The lines across the road where it meets the main road to the village need repainting. There should also be a stop sign. It is dangerous. This refers to the junction where the road from Close Farm and the Cowley Road meets the main Coberley Road. This concern has been raised before, but not actioned. (Photo supplied)
3. As you come up the A435 from Cheltenham you come to the first mini roundabout, - to the left is the A436 Andoversford, to the right Hartley Lane and straight on A435 and A 417.
The paint on the road indicates A435 left lane and A417 right lane. The paint is dim and needs renewing (Photo supplied). The traffic thinks left lane is for A436 and is surprised when you go straight on to the A435. They are often in the right lane also wanting the A435 (they get annoyed). The signs on the road need rethinking and renewing. (Photo supplied).
4. Generally the road verges need clipping and the footpath on the A435 to Charlton Kings needs weeding and clearing.

Highways' response:

1. DT: I will forward this info to the correct team so that it can be assessed, are you able to confirm that the tree is on opposite side of the lane to the church, it appears so from the photo. (NOTE: Confirmed that tree is on same side as Church, beside entrance to Ham Mead)
2. DT: This junction will not qualify for a stop sign, there are strict criteria where these should be applied and this site will not meet this criteria. With my strict highway officer's hat on, I would not be considering a give way sign either, given the low hierarchy of the roads and the relatively low volume of traffic then these measures would not be proportional. We can look at give way markings on the road, they wouldn't be a high priority but I am happy to put them on our list of minor works to deliver.
WG: I have investigated the possibility of a stop sign and found that the guidelines state.
It is expected that most junctions that satisfy the criteria for STOP signs already have signs in place. New junctions should not be constructed with very poor visibility, so the provision of new STOP signs should be exceptional.
I have checked the available data and there are no recorded incidents at this location, combined with the constraints of the site which means a sign could not be erected in a suitable spot, a sign at this location is unlikely to be supported by the police who would be the body responsible for enforcement.
3. DT: I will have a look at these markings as there is relatively new guidance on the use of markings at roundabouts and we will have to ensure that what is here is correct and complaint.
WG: I will add the white lines to the list for refurbishment in this financial year, this predates my appointment but I believe these lines were installed at the request of Cllr Hodgkinson and the Parish.
4. DT: We have completed our 'safety cut' for grass verges at junctions and other key locations, the 'full cut' of the grass verges is due to commence Monday 28th.

WG: The footway is not in Cotswold Division and comes under Cheltenham, this can be reported online. The verges will be cut on the cyclical maintenance programme which is due to commence in July