

County Cllr Emma Nelson
Update to Parish Council 12th November 2024

1) Highways Matters

Resurfacing:

Croft Street is scheduled to be closed for resurfacing on Monday 18th November for 2 days between 09:30 and 15:30.

Charnwood Road and Close is scheduled to be closed for carriageway patching on Monday 25th November for 2 days between 09:30 and 15:30.

Footpath Maintenance:

Thanks to Cotswold Wardens once again for their work at Burrow's Field. They have laid the stones on the path from the lower corner of Burrow's to Merlin Way. Recent torrential rain had washed most of the stones away. The Parish Council paid for this to be done and CBC Ranger supplied the stones.

And the wardens have fixed the "no cycling" sign to the right of the path running behind the hedge to the Burrow's entrance, so there is no doubt which path the sign refers to!

Local Roadworks ongoing & coming up:

Two-Way signals likely to remain on **Old Bath Road by East Glos** where STW are working on a collapsed drain in Vineries Close. STW have requested traffic signals through to December but Streetworks have only **granted the licence through to 15th November** (the start of the embargo period applicable to all major routes through Cheltenham and lasting until 2nd January). Only emergency roadworks are allowed on major routes during this period. It is hoped STW will have made enough progress to be able to finish the job away from the main road after 15th November.

Burrow's Field Car Parking Issues:

Thanks to the Highways Working Group "Burrow's parking committee" pursuing this ongoing problem. Overgrown vegetation has been cleared around the parking area. The car park is to be re-lined, KEEP CLEAR to be added in front of the barrier and 2 disabled bays marked out. We are looking to have a sign at Burrow's entrance reminding users to park responsibly on the surrounding roads. We have requested PCSO's and NSL Parking enforcement to increase attendance in the area on Saturday mornings.

Tabletop traffic calming, Safe crossing on Church Road and MPR junction:

I've grouped these together as they are all the subject of a meeting coming up on 21st November with the Road Safety Team.

Bus stop on Old Bath Road:

I am pleased to report the bus stop that was "taken out" by a car over a year ago has now been replaced.

Community Speed Watch Fund and Traffic Monitoring:

Three VAS's coming soon – 2 on Leckhampton Road and one close to the Crippets junction. The PC VAS monitor unit is now up on Woodlands Road. We hope to purchase a replacement monitoring unit (to be approved at meeting)

2) Planning Applications and Ongoing Developments etc.

Miller (20/01788/FUL) 350 Homes:

Miller construction of Greenway Chase is well underway. Both site accesses are now complete. I have arranged a meeting with the GCC Highways engineer and residents impacted by the Shurdington Road access so they can raise their concerns with him prior to his completing the S278 plans (GCC Highways must approve detailed plans of how the development impacts the highway).

Over the weekend I had cause to contact Miller and to use the number published on their sign on the fence (0800 083 6867). They responded swiftly to resolve the issue, and I confirmed this number is manned 24/7. I have requested a meeting with the site management and HSL who are very much impacted by ongoing works. Miller have responded *"we are waiting further confirmation from our senior management team, on how we will be having a communication with the school"*.

Redrow 30 Homes at top of Farm Lane (21/02750/FUL):

No further updates on this but I am pleased that Redrow responded to my request and have now removed the various red "Brizen Construction Traffic" signage from various lamp posts in our area.

Co-op and Residential Development 170-172 Leckhampton Road (23/00813/FUL):

Construction ongoing, please advise of any concerns.

Newland Homes (22/02205/FUL) 13 homes:

Newland development of Cherrington's Nursery site on Kidnapper's Lane is now fully approved and construction should start early next year.

3) GCC misc. items of interest

Build Back Better Fund:

Funds are still available for community projects so please get in touch. The most recent bid processed is for storage equipment for St Margaret's Hall to help expand the Lakeside Community Project food bank provision.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme:

HAF is back this winter to keep children in Gloucestershire happy, healthy, and entertained, with free activities and nutritious food during the school holidays. Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals can register now. Activity booking opens from midday on 2 December.