October 2026 MEETING PACK

This month's updates in **bold.**

Village

a) To note any updates on village/parish improvement matters

Flood mitigation in the parish	Ongoing; Cllr McFarling is liaising with Severn Trent and GCC and aims to provide updates monthly. Nov 2023: Cllr Chris McFarling advised that the pipework on Swan Hill has been checked, with no issues detected.
Public Rights of Way in the parish	July 2023: Alec Davis kindly produced v17 of the status report for PROWs in Alvington & some of Woolaston. November 2023: Jeff Wheeler advises of progress on the following issues: FAL14 Responded to planning application P1206/23/LBC on 6th October, stating that I offered no objection as there was seemingly no effect on the Public Footpath. FAL17 Replied to Network Rail on 10th October regards proposals for extinguishing or diverting this dead-end Public Footpath to enable the closure of the pedestrian level crossing. The best solution is to divert the route across the existing farm track crossing and then the issues with a fence and vegetation blocking as well as broken stiles could be overcome. Enquiry Refs – 11418041 (Ongoing) / 11417996 (Ongoing) Partial Inspection – 200 metres FAL18 Replied to Network Rail on 10th October regards proposals for extinguishing a section of this dead-end Public Footpath to enable the closure of the pedestrian level crossing. The best solution appears to be to extinguish the section between the Mickla Bridge and the pedestrian crossing and divert via FWO115 and FWO117 and then divert / extend FWO117 along the flood defence to join with FAL18 on the eastern side of the railway. Enquiry Ref – 11410847 (Ongoing) June 24 - Clerk has emailed the Clerks for Aylburton and Lydney regarding the footpath along the Severn. Also – checked the contact details and process for registering potentially lost PROW. An online representation of the definitive map of public rights of way can be found online at https://gcc.dynamicmaps.co.uk/MapThatPublic/Default.aspx Further questions and advice from Jack Capon or his colleagues at modificationorders@gloucestershire.gov.uk Lydney Town Clerk has confirmed that Lydney Town Council is not currently working on this. Nov 24 - Report from Glos CC Public Rights of Way Team – jobs completed Sept 24. FAL6 - Inspected this Public Footpath on 19th September in relation to planning application P0847/24/FUL and the claimed location of a field gate across the line of the footpath. All was found to be in accordance with the submitted plans. FAL18 - Inspected this Public Footpath on 10th September and found that the line of the Public Footpath through the maize crop between Church Lane and the Mickla Bridge had now been cleared by the landowner as requested. Enquiry Ref – 22054290 (Resolved)

Community Alerts	Report of a theft of bicycles from a garage in Church Lane over the Easter period.

Highways

b) To receive any updates on Highways matters

Issue	Comments
Clanna Lane	Mud on road reported to Glos CC Highways who passed on to DC. DC advised a road sweeper can't be used as no kerb. Glos CC will inspect and arrange clearance if necessary. Enquiry Ref - 11451485 **Feb 2025 – Road Closure notification for drainage works from Beanhill Farm down Clanna Lane - closed.** The said road is expected to be closed between **08:30hrs to 15:30hrs from 5th March 2025 to 7th March 2025** or until the works have been completed. For further information, please contact Gloucestershire Highways on **08000 514 514** or visit **www.gloucestershire.gov.uk**. **Alternative Route –** as signed on site
Signage and road lining on A48 to improve road safety.	Dec 2023: Cllr McFarling says: "Signage and road lining Nathan Choat (Highways Area Rep) has met with the improvements team and they are designing a scheme to improve the signing and lining through the village including the crossing with an island. I have attached the changes that we will make when the road is closed. Some of the lining will change locations. This has been prioritised, so we only paint it once. When Nathan has the full scheme he will pass this on."
Clanna / A48 Double yellow lines (originated Nov '19)	Ongoing. Dec 2023: Cllr McFarling advises: "Ongoing consultation has been completed and is now back with the TRO to process." September 2024 – message from Chris McFarling: TROs have remained undelivered for years, including those associated with double yellow lines, 20mph zones, zebra crossings and prohibition of driving orders. I have repeatedly explained that with limited financial resources, a prioritisation scheme is in place which lists requests in terms of the safety danger they present, as evidenced by the number of road collisions, and specifically the number of "killed and seriously injured" (KSIs) recorded. In effect, those schemes which have no KSIs or records of road collisions will find themselves down the list and might not be implemented if resources continue to remain scarce and road collisions and KSIs continue to occur. This has resulted in criticism that prevention is better than cure and that "accidents waiting to happen" should be prioritised instead. But since they have no evidence base of records of collisions then they remain accidents waiting to happen with no delivery of the schemes presented that should reduce the likelihood of those road collisions taking place. I have received a link from my colleague Cllr Turner from the most recent GCC Environment scrutiny meeting which details how road safety resources are prioritised. Although it might give the reasoning behind why some of the schemes we have brought forward have not seen any delivery, it also suggests some tweaks that are being made to the process which might help use resources more effectively.

	If you have any constructive comments on how road safety schemes could be implemented more quickly within the highways budget then please send them through to me. The prioritisation docs are at item 5 (scroll down the page for the links) on this agenda https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=773&MId=11482&Ver=4&LO=1 Message from Chris McFarling 9th October 2024 that the A48 / Clanna double yellow lines will be painted by the end of November 2024 subject to weather conditions. Have Made Order from Glos CC received 11/11/2024 for the work to be completed. Dates not confirmed. **Feb 2025 – Lines painted – resolved.**
Japanese Knotweed near Sandford Pond	Reported multiple times. Highways works schedule suggests noxious weed treatment takes place Jun-Sept each year. 3 locations: https://w3w.co/spine.wealth.lipstick / https://w3w.co/martini.materials.imparts / https://w3w.co/simmer.routine.talent Last reported/chased Feb 2023. Reported again by Mr Alec Davis August 2023, ref 11433563. Sept 2023: Cllr McFarling is looking into a shared solution for his ward, offering economy of scale.
Clanna Lane: standing water and blocked culvert by the bridge	Highways officer 19/8: "I met with Nick Powell, the issue is with the debris which have built up along the road edge. I will get the lengthsman gang to scrape these back when I can borrow a JCB from one of our construction gangs." Some scraping back occurred, in the wrong place. Re-referred to Highways 16/02/23 via a detailed email to Nathan Choat. Response same day confirms Highways are aware and are discussing solutions with the highways flood team, capital drainage team and Severn Trent. Updates promised as and when developments occur. Sept 2023: Highlighted during meeting between Cllr Burlton and Brian Watkins 17/8/23; the culvert has recently been cleared but relocation remains outstanding. Nov 2023: Cllr Chris McFarling advises culvert ditching is planned for December – the parish council notes that this is beneficial but does not solve the issue as described here. Dec 2023: Cllr McFarling advises: "Potential job measured for next finacial year to relay a section of tarmac to push water towards ditch"
Swan Hill: Poor road surface, multiple potholes	Reported to Highways June 2022, December 2022. Sustainable solution called for Feb 2023 via Highways contacts Ray Waters and Brian Watkins. Highways ref: 11400790 16/2/23: Nathan Choat emailed and said: "I am aware of the condition of the road surface and have asked for a further safety inspection to ensure the area meets the safety manual basic standard, following this I have asked for our structural maintenance team visit site rescore and estimate the cost to resurface this section for refurbishment." Chased late May 2023 – MH, Nathan Choat replied: "Hi Meg, I do have a cost for the works for resurfacing. Currently I don't have a firm date for progress. When I do I'll let you and Chris know." Sept 2023: Highways have referred to plans to resurface Swan Hill now that some drain-clearing works have taken place. Nov 2023: Cllr Chris McFarling advised that the pipework on Swan Hill has been checked, with no issues detected.
Court Lane: edge of road surface	Reported to Highways Feb 2023. Sept 2023: Highways aware, and urgent repair needed due to exposed pipework.

breaking up.	
Malthouse Close entrance: subsidence	Feb 2023: A patch of ground is sunken, in which water builds up when rains. Exacerbated by increase in HGVs on Clanna. October 2023: Works carried out, but water is still pooling in the same location – needs rectifying. December 2023: Highways have instructed the contractor to resolve. Currently no time frame
Clanna Road and Garlands Road: pavement surfaces	Rough surface reported to Highways Feb 2023. Nov 2023: First phrase of Garlands Road pavement refurbishment now complete, funded by Cllr McFarling's Highways Local Fund. Dec 2023: Garlands Rd white lines is being chased up. Cllr McFarling suggested using longer-lasting white paint. This may be carried out in 2024's lining plans.
Sandford Hill potholes	Reported May 2023. Some filled early July 2023. Nov 2023: Cllr Chris McFarling advises this is ongoing, not currently in the plan for resurfacing. Part of road closure list issued April 2024 for works due 01/04/24 for 18 months. Resolved
Loose manhole covers outside Blacksmiths	Raised at 5/10/23 meeting. Reported Oct 2023. Nov 2023: Cllr Chris McFarling advises that safety inspectors due to inspect. Now repaired.
Swan Hill: Soil 'creep' over pavement, narrowing the usable area	Dec 2023: Cllr McFarling advises that this is still awaiting assessment by Highways
Outflow from The Globe reported at Oct 24 meeting	From Chris McFarling – forwarded from the Environmental Health Officer on 17th October: Good Afternoon Just an update. The discharge was vegetables in origin (probably for soup). When I visited on the Fri, there was no sign that it was an ongoing issue and found only dried remnants in the grass. The manager assured me that they will be doing all the prep work inside – one off. Resolved.
Email from Chris McFarling re: reporting of road problems.	Dear Clerks, Can I say a great big thank you to you all for having supported me these past twelve months in my role as County Councillor. I look forward to working with you through 2025 or at least until the next county council elections in May should they go ahead. I have discussed the reporting of road problems with Nathan Choat, our highways local manager and he feels we could be more effective if clerks themselves were to inform him of road issues like potholes, flooded culverts, blocked drains and gullies etc. We feel that there is a lot of duplication and Nathan reminded me that my reporting of these issues is not necessary for most cases and in some cases can be confusing. From January (2025) therefore, I will not be reporting directly on road issues in my monthly reports. Any details you have of issues, could you please forward them to Nathan directly please. Nathan.Choat@gloucestershire.gov.uk. Nathan has reminded me that this is how he operates in other areas and it seems to work OK. I will continue to escalate cases which are critical, controversial or are not being delivered in an appropriate timeframe. If residents call, depending on the issue, I will forward them to the clerk and copy in Nathan to begin with.

	This is something we'd like to trial and see how it goes. If it doesn't work, then we can revert back to the old system. Please note that speeding issues and road safety are generally matters for the police. I will be more than happy to work with resident groups and parish councils who have strategic plans they wish to take which will improve road safety. I will also push for appropriate infrastructure as best I can.

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