

County Cllr Emma Nelson
Update to Parish Council 12th February 2025

1) Highways Matters

Road Works

Works to install electric supply to the Miller site started Monday 10th Feb and will take around 6 weeks. Multi-way lights will be in place and the work will be phased between the MPR junction and the Miller site entrance. The emergency number displayed (02477 170505) transfers for out of hours cover. The contractor has agreed to be off the carriageway and have the permanent lights turned back on for Race week (Tue 11th - Fri 14th March). Works will then continue after race week until 17th March when they will move further along Shurdington Road and away from the junction.

Netomnia will be working further along Moorend Park Road from 17th – 23rd Feb (half-term) necessitating Multi-Way lights operating 9.30 – 3.30 only.

STW finally fixed the damaged drain cover on Church Road on Monday 3rd February, it took a lot of chasing! They are due to attend Alma Road on Tuesday 11th to complete similar works there.

Parking

Weekend parking around Burrows continues to be a problem. Parking Enforcement have visited and issued a few tickets which will hopefully act as a deterrent. CBC Green Spaces have drawn up plans for the re-lining of the Burrows car park. We continue to pursue alternative parking options off-site.

Parking along Pilley Lane around the Coop development is still a concern, exacerbated recently by one untaxed vehicle, left on double yellow lines on the corner for over 2 weeks. Following constant chasing, it was finally removed on Monday 10th .

Moorend Park Road Junction

Feasibility designs and study to be completed by end of February. Surveys done, traffic count completed and internal consultation now underway to ensure cross department communication and collaboration (Road Safety Team, Highways Development Management, Local Highways Management and Integrated Transport Unit). Several options will be considered and a recommended option put forward. These will be shared by Craig Schofield who has confirmed his attendance at our March 12th meeting to update the PC.

Church Road Crossing

Feasibility study ongoing and two options are being considered. Further traffic surveys are currently underway as December is not a “neutral month”.

Leckhampton Boundary Sign

Redrow are not budging on relocating the sign, so now the maintenance period has expired, we can apply to move it as a safety issue – I am pursuing this with the Road Safety Team.

Kidnapper's Lane "raised" table

Estimated cost to increase gradient of ramps from 1:18 to 1:10 is estimated at around £5,000 - £7,500. We have evidence of current average (85%ile) speeds around the junction at 34 mph but we need to find evidence of pre-development speeds to prove effectiveness or otherwise of the junction. I am pursuing this with Police traffic monitoring team.

Kidnapper's Lane and ongoing local Development

There have been several incidents recently close to the narrow "priority" part of Kidnapper's Lane, both involving pedestrians and private vehicles. A record is being kept to pass on to the Road Safety Team, but we need to remind all members of the community to **report all incidents to the police**. We need to collate evidence to support our concerns. I have also requested an "Unsuitable for HGV's" sign to be put at both ends of Kidnapper's Lane (Church Road and Farm Lane Junction).

Traffic Monitoring

PC unit has been on Woodlands Road. Results to be downloaded and posted on PC website. Second replacement data capture unit is on order from Westcotec. Three new posts have been approved for deployment of our unit and GCC Road Safety Team will fit the brackets.

2) Planning Applications and Ongoing Developments etc.

Miller (20/01788/FUL) 350 Homes:

Construction Method Statement now approved. Instances of apparent breaches (lorries queuing, blocking the highway, delivery times etc) are being monitored and reported to CBC Planning enforcement officer. I have met with her; she has issued letters to Miller. She is due to visit the site on Tuesday 11th. I await feedback.

Both sets of S278 plans (main entrance and roundabout) are now with GCC Highways for approval. Impacted residents are being kept in the loop and their concerns are being considered within revised plans going forward.

No actual construction works can commence until the S278 is approved. With the installation of the electric supply now underway along the A46 until March 25th, we are unlikely to see additional works until April at the earliest.

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

Latest response regarding sale of land by Redrow (24th Jan) is, *"Sadly there was a complication with the sale prior to Christmas that now needs to be resolved. I cannot see the sale completing until the summer. Perhaps we could touch base again in May/June."*

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

Development of Cherrington's Nursery on Kidnapper's Lane now well underway. Smiths commenced demolition and clearance of site on Monday 10th. I have engaged with site Manager and Site Engineer. Footpaths CHL9&10 have been rerouted. Site boundary secured with "Heras" fencing. Approved Construction Management Plan gives normal construction working hours: Monday-Friday 07:30 – 18:00 and Saturday 08:00 – 13:00. Utilities to be routed down from Pear Tree Close. Concerns raised with site manager over large lorries accessing site at school times.