

Report: 24.021 Bus Shelter – A338 (east bound) at Broken Bridge

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1. Report Summary

A report to councillors regarding the status of the bus shelter on the A338 road (east bound) Photo1.

2. Background

A bus shelter on the A338, which is situated on private land named 'Open View', has been identified as being in a state of disrepair. Initial enquiries, including land registry searches and discussions with the property owner at Little Acre, Wiltshire Council and Salisbury Reds Bus Company have been made by LFPC staff in an attempt to identify the owner/responsible authority for the maintenance of the shelter. To date it has not been possible to identify the owner/responsible authority.

The shelter is a rendered block brick structure with an asbestos hipped roof. As can be seen from Photo 2, the approach to the shelter has become very overgrown with vegetation. This vegetation has grown over the concrete base that runs from the verge to the shelter. The growth of vegetation presents a slip/trip hazard for passengers boarding/alighting the bus.

The wooden frame around the entrance and top third of the shelter is rotten and the roof flashing has lifted and buckled along the hips and top ridgeline of the roof photo 3 & 4. The lower left part of the entrance framework is missing and it is believed that this part of the frame work supports the roof structure.

The bus shelter is in active use, albeit only by a small number of people (most likely residents of Spire View) and Ford and at least one school pupil, with an hourly service into Salisbury.

It is also worthy of note that there is no pedestrian crossing point to/from the bus shelter for residents from Spire View and Ford.

3. Summary

It must be stated that this bus shelter is not owned by Laverstock & Ford Parish Council and there is currently no responsibility or liability on the parish council for the maintenance of the shelter.

The lack of maintenance on the shelter has led to it being in a poor state of repair and in the absence of any future maintenance its deterioration is inevitable.

4. Conclusions

There is no doubt that the bus shelter is in need of maintenance, the issue is, who is responsible for that maintenance? If the Parish Council were to consider adoption of the shelter there will be an ongoing acceptance of future risk and a financial commitment for which there is currently no budget allocation to this item.

Initial enquiries were made in respect of cost of repair and cost of replacement. Repair to the roof would cost in the region of £5180. The cost for replacement would be in the region of £11,359.

5. Recommendations

That the Parish Council considers the following

- a. Case for or against adoption of the A338 (eastbound) bus shelter
- b. Subject to agreement on adoption, preference for repair or replacement of the shelter
- c. Subject to decision of repair or replacement, financial allocation of funds
- d. Resolution on the actions in relation to the A338 (eastbound) bus shelter



Photo 1.



Photo 2.



Phot 3



Photo 4.