Bibury One Stakeholder Group – Meeting Minutes

16th October 2025
9:30am – 11am
Microsoft TEAMs

Attendees:

Cllr Lisa Spivey (Chair) Leader of Gloucestershire Council and Member for South Cerney Division, Chloe Warden – Senior Economic Officer, Gloucestershire County Council, Dan Tiffney – Local Highway Manager, Gloucestershire County Council Andrew Burford – Parking Manager, Gloucestershire County Council, John Hindley – Traffic Engineer – Parking Projects, Gloucestershire County Council, Hannah Louis-Bassett – Traffic Regulation Order Manager, Gloucestershire County Council, Chris Jackson – Shared Tourism Services Manager, Cotswold District Council/CotswoldPlus Local Visitor Economy Partnership, Paul James – Economic Development Lead, Cotswold District Council, Cllr David Fowles – Cotswold District Council - District Councilor, Lady Anne Evans - Number Eleven Bibury, Angus Hay/Max Thomas – Bibury Trout Farm, Merryn Handley – The Swan Hotel, Bibury, Tom Benjamin GoCotswolds Alex Chatter - Pulhams Coaches, Marcela Aguirre/Ted – Miki Travel
Cllr Craig Chapman – Chair of Bibury Parish Council, Cllr Brian Skarda – Bibury Parish Council, Keith McNally – CPT.

Apologies: Phillipa Moore – Gloucestershire Police

Welcome and Introductions

- Cllr Spivey opened the meeting and thanked attendees for volunteering to be part of the group.

2. Purpose and Terms of Reference

- Group aims to be a collaborative; consultative body, not a statutory consultee, but outputs will inform planning and operational decisions.
- Terms of reference reviewed and agreed with minor amendments relating to cars being mentioned in the objectives as well as coaches (CW to amend).

3. Planning and Governance

- Clarified that members can act independently in their own capacities (e.g., Parish Council).
- Group is informal and consultative, not a formal committee.
- Monthly meetings agreed; additional meetings as needed.

4. Coach Access and Tourism Management

- Discussion on coach access: large coaches vs smaller vehicles.

- Concerns raised about lack of off-street parking and traffic congestion.
- Alex (Pulhams) confirmed that even if a restriction/ban was placed on coaches, there are loopholes that could mean that coaches can still access the village.
- Lisa re-iterated that we are not looking to actively ban large coaches just manage more effectively.

5. Communications and Press

- Agreement that press coverage has exacerbated tourism pressures.
- Suggestion to align messaging and refer media enquiries to GCC.
- Future agenda item: develop an agreed communications strategy (CW)

6. Data and Insight

- Marcela suggested a data-driven approach to understand visitor demographics and patterns. Action to discuss this as part of a wider coach/tour operator forum across the Cotswolds area (CW).
- Chloe confirmed a bid has been submitted to develop a tourism management platform – outcome will be known 14th November 2025.

7. Update on proposals and TRO Process

GCC are working through final processes to access funding which has Leader, Lead Cabinet Member and Corporate Leadership Team Support.

Chloe presented refined proposals including:

- Removal of coach bays.
- Introduction of disabled bays and EV charging.
- Pay-and-display parking with resident exemptions – explained that this is necessary to fund permanent enforcement in the village.
- Enforcement officer funding via parking revenue.
- Pedestrianisation and village centre improvements.

Mentioned the option of applying to the Communities 20mph Scheme if the village wish to do this (CC/BS – Parish Council)

Technical drawings shared with the group – will send via email post meeting (CW)

Emphasis on the importance of community support to avoid delays in TRO implementation and how the group is fundamental to the scheme being a success in bringing the community on board.

8. School and Church Parking Issues

- Concerns raised about enforcement around school and church.

- John Hindley explained legal constraints and potential solutions - agreement to add this issue to the next meeting agenda.

9. Future Planning and Off-Street Parking

- Chloe shared previous GCC research into off-street parking options – unfortunately this was not something feasible for GCC to pursue due to planning implications.
- Group welcome to consider similar ideas and research going forward if this is of interest.
- Thames Water community betterment funding flagged as a potential opportunity (CC/BS – Parish Council).

10. Next Steps and Consultation

- Public TRO consultation proposed for 11th November 2025 (to be rescheduled due to Remembrance Day) – likely to be 13th November. Suggested next meeting is on the same day in hybrid format. Welcome the group being involved in the public consultation.
- Note re: CDC consulting on their Local Plan around the same time – needs to be planned so this doesn't clash.
- Offers from local businesses (The Swan/Eleven Bibury) to host consultation events alongside the Village Hall.