

To	Chief Officer	From	Cllr Kirstie Lowbridge
Cttee	Environment	Date	10/03/2026

Title (to be included on the agenda)

TO CONSIDER AND AGREE WORK ON COLEY LANE

Issue

The bend on Coley Lane has become increasingly unsafe due to overgrown bushes, low-hanging branches and heavy leaf debris encroaching onto the road. This growth has significantly narrowed the road, making it difficult for two cars to pass and creating serious risks for pedestrians, pushchair users, cyclists, dog walkers and children walking home from school. The corner itself is already extremely dangerous due to limited visibility, and current conditions regularly force people to step into bushes or stand in unsafe positions to let vehicles through. The reduced road width contributes to near misses, confrontations between drivers, and heightened danger for all non-vehicle users.

Recommendation(s)

I propose that the parish council instruct the Lengthsmen to clear both sides of the bend, and either side of the bend (red line on map) removing overgrown bushes, intrusive branches and built-up leaf debris to restore the full usable width of the road. This will significantly improve safety for vehicles and, critically, for pedestrians. I also recommend the council consider installing a road safety mirror on the bend (black X on map) to improve visibility. While I am not familiar with all installation criteria, various models are available (e.g., SETON road mirror at £155), so the council may wish to explore this further.

Background

As a resident living off Coley Lane, I witness daily the challenges and dangers created by the current state of the road. Regular speeding, near misses and disagreements between drivers are common, particularly around the bend where visibility is restricted. Pedestrians - including children walking home from school - frequently have to step into overgrowth or onto muddy verges to allow vehicles to pass. These conditions have progressively worsened as vegetation has grown unchecked. Addressing this now would not only widen the usable road space but also significantly enhance safety for everyone using the lane. This is based on my personal experience, and also comments and concerns from neighbours, other residents and other parents.

Supporting Documents





