

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

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FARRINGDON ROADS, LANES, BRIDLEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Compiled by Councillor David Williams, March 2015

KEY: Parish = Farringdon Parish Council
HCC = Hampshire County Council/Highways
ROW = Rights of Way
B.O.A.T = Byway Open to All Traffic
FIC = Farringdon Industrial Centre
FBP = Farringdon Business Park

In General: Very slow responses from HCC, some issues resolved others in the melting pot!
Drainage and ditch clearance held up because of required monitoring for mercury contamination before spoils can be sent to landfill sites
Landowners to undertake more responsibility in clearing road side ditches.
ROW have been informed of all outstanding footpath problems.
Stank Lane was updated by HCC/ROW but needs further work.
A walk through is planned this month to view last year's flooding problems.
All white lining on major roads and lanes is in need of improvement.

KITCOMBE LANE

Action

Continue to monitor B.O.A.T for excessive use by off-road vehicles. Parish
Drainage problems on right hand side of lane with runoffs dug out.
Possible problem with road surface water entering properties on right hand side. HCC have viewed but uncertain if any works order raised.
New sign added at lower end of lane indicating limited entry to vehicles (several complaints about this sign from Kitcombe residents)

GOSPORT ROAD A32 to crossroads

Action

Improve "village gateways" as old signs now removed. Parish
Possible connection via HCC with new signage for 30mph
Improve signs at exit to Farringdon Industrial Centre (FIC). HCC
New signs have been added near crossroads indicating FIC and FBP which help
Improve maintenance of drains and ditches. HCC
Following flooding (winter 2013/14) 2 surveys were conducted on the A32 drains and the drains were power washed of any remaining sand from the many sandbags employed.
Addition of protection gate at end of bridleway no 10. (opposite FIC) ROW
Landowner was sent letter which was acknowledged but as yet no action.
ROW did acknowledge problem and stated that there was not a sufficient safety risk to warrant spending resources on a new barrier. The hedge and trees at entrance have now been cut.

FARRINGDON CROSS ROADS

Action

Eliminate parking on acceleration lanes and near post box HCC
Eliminate parking outside Blacksmiths. HCC
It was suggested that better white lining and parking restrictions be made.
At present none have although there may be money in HCC 2015/2016 budget
Monitor use of parking area by Bahnstormers. Parish
Parking by Bahnstormers has improved with the extra parking offered by the Farringdon Business Park. There is still some concern about offloading of lorries and parking on the pavement outside of these premises.

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GOSPORT ROAD A32 north

Remove Public Telephone sign and move to Church Road

Action
Resolved

AYLWARDS DRIVE

Continue to monitor industrial vehicle movements to and from A32.

Improved security gates with closure over night seem to have cut down evening and weekend random drive through! There have been no reported major theft instances Blocked footpath and overhanging storage items highlighted to FBP manager

Blocked drain in Aylwards Drive entrance.

Reported to Farringdon Business Park, but still blocked as of this March.

Action
Parish

GOSPORT ROAD A32 north to Woodside Lane

Monitor off loading at Bahnstormers for possible further action.

Slight improvement with no major complaints of street blockage

Improve maintenance of drains and ditches.

Having notified HCC of missed drains, contractors are now clearing all drains twice yearly along this section.

There maybe a problem with drainage blockage outside Marelands where the road rises.

Marelands hedge was cut and pavement cleared of all debris

White lines near Marelands still to be reinstated

Milestone repaired and repainted. Re-concreted by assistance of owners of "Milestone"

Action
Parish

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WOODSIDE LANE

Continue to monitor B.O.A.T for excessive use by off-road vehicles.

Minimum use reported; some motorbikes and land rovers seen in the summer

Improve maintenance of drains and ditches

Drainage problem outside Lower Woodside farm requires attention

Layby on A32 adjacent to Woodside lane in poor state with surface in bad way

Spoil heap left after flooding last year still remains!

Ownership of layby in doubt but signs installed by HCC

Action
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NEW ROAD

Discuss naming of New Road, any required signage and its adoption.

HCC seem to have adopted part of this road and is found on their definitive map as Old Chalk Pits Road.

Junction with A32 still needs surface work to reinstate after last years flooding

Action
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GOSPORT ROAD A32 Woodside Lane to Chawton roundabout

Improve signage for entry into the 30mph limit from the north.

Possibly in 2015/2016 HCC budget with reduction of speed 60mph to 50mph.

Improve "village gateways". Old signs now removed

Parish to discuss, estimate and implement if funds available.

Improve maintenance of drains and ditches.

Runoffs along side of road cleared but ditches need digging out urgently

Chawton roundabout resurfaced but several drainage grips STILL blocked by tarmac,

Reported but no action by HCC

Some signs on roundabout have at long last been repaired but others require attention.

Improve maintenance of side hedges and verges.

Damaged bollards reported but as yet no action

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Improve access for cyclists at Winchester Road end
Add informative signage for St. Swithun's Way
Unused sign poles were removed by HCC last Summer
Excessive litter, bags and tyres in layby reported March 2015

ROW
ROW
Resolved
HCC

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

Improve maintenance of drains and ditches
HCC have cleared all side gullies in lane with immediate improvement.
Again drains under bridge were cleared, some were missed and others looked at, sprayed with paint but not lifted!

Improve maintenance of side hedges and verges
Hedges were cut back late last year and could be improved

Improve overhanging branches at Lords Wood
Several trees have fallen over in recent storms and work is required
HCC have been notified but "WOODLANDS for SALE" have yet to action.
Improve sighting of Stop sign at Copelands.

Monitor car parking in layby opposite "Barn House"
Much improved with allocation of parking at Farringdon Business Park.

Add new sign to stop Lorries reversing from Old FIC industrial entrance/exit.
Several lorries still using Brightstone Lane as entrance to FIC – Sat-Nav

Monitor and report all future fly tippings in Lords Wood
Drop in fly tipping recently but still tyres being left in Lords Wood.
Would the phantom Gin drinker please take his/her bottles home; so far 35+ collected!!
Several "FOR SALE " signs thrown in wood reported to the Alton office who said they had problems in Four Marks with some 20 signs being "moved" after a publicity stunt!

Footpath No 3. partially blocked access
Footpath No 3 recently partially blocked by new posts at gate entrance.
Problem reported to ROW who have stated that they can do nothing!

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Resolved
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Resolved
ROW

SHIRNALL HILL

Improve maintenance of drains and ditches
Improve maintenance of side hedges and verges
Road surface to be monitored.

A request for removal of security fencing outside Maplecombe. Still outstanding!
Lime trees adjacent Jordons now being reduced in height by 1/3.
Tree Warden notified but as outside conservation area there is no legal requirement for obtaining permission for work. Owner informed Parish of intended work and involved the EHDC tree officer before work started.

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THE STREET

Improve maintenance of drains.
Blocked drain outside Brownings Orchard again blocked reported March 2015
Follow up action requested on Stank lane
HCC and ROW have done work on lane but further work looks necessary.
Lane surveyed and plan produced for required work and this was submitted to council.
Council still to establish ownership of lane.
Land Registry have been approached but mapping system does not work very well and is proving too costly to use.

Examine ways of restricting parking at corner with Rose and Crown
HCC stated they were to look at parking problems and possibly resolve by new white

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lining but could only action in 2015/2016 budget!

Preserve old style road sign at Gwenby

Preserve old Victorian post box at Hall farm

No action as yet

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CHURCH ROAD

Improve maintenance of drains and ditches

Sightlines at Holly Cottage and West Cross Cottage

Much improvement of sight lines at Holly Cottage and West Cross House following hedge and tree cutting by landowner.

Action

HCC

Resolved

PARSONAGE CLOSE

Improve cutting of Footpath No.12

HCC failed to cut this path last year although HCC list for cutting updated.

Oakenrose owner kindly cut back overhanging tree branches along footpath.

This footpath is on the Council cutting list to be cut in AUGUST this year.

Action

ROW

CHURCH ROAD to GASTON LANE

Improve kerbing at Cruck Cottage to eliminate flooding

Damaged manhole surround reported and fixed

Poor state of road junction opposite Massey's Folly reported

Road opposite Folly appears to be under HCC ownership and a request has been made for a surface update. With the sale of the Folly imminent, there may be possible road closures this year if work starts on Folly and scaffolding would be needed to be erected to the front of the building. A meeting has been arranged to view site with HCC.

Action

HCC

Resolved

HCC

GASTON LANE (ROAD CLOSED BY HCC AT PRESENT DUE TO STATE OF ROAD)

Improve maintenance of drains and ditches

Improve maintenance of side hedges

Several requests have been made on potholes with at some repaired.

The lane condition above small bridge over Caker Stream is very poor with potholes and road subsidence especially along edges.

Drainage is very poor and ditches require clearing.

A section of road drain is blocked and more water comes out of drain than goes in!!

The protection barriers at Caker Stream bridge that were broken were repaired

Additional signage restricting heavy vehicles at top end of Gaston Lane was added.

Maintenance work on lane will be undertaken by Solar Farm company at completion

of Solar build. It is expected that site goes on line shortly as all major components

seem to be installed and connected. HCC will then check and update.

[In my estimation 70% of the work required is due to long standing problems that have never

resolved. A major exercise is required on this lane to get it back in shape not forgetting it becomes

a "main" route when either the Selborne road or A32 is closed.]

Action

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Resolved

HALL LANE

Improve maintenance of drains and ditches

Blocked drain adjacent Upper Farringdon House although cleared still needs to be checked regularly

Improve maintenance of side hedges

Hedges adjacent Ivy cottage have recently been hard cut and visibility greatly improved

Additional signage restricting heavy vehicles

30 mph sign at corner with footpath No.15 could be better sited, reported

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Additional left hand turn sign required at B3006 junction
Junction signs required as missing as well as stop sign to be made more visible
HCC hopefully to implement in 2015/2016 budget
Extra pressure applied following RTA last year
Follow up on action on replacing stile at footpath No. 15
Landowner contacted with letter indicating missing stile and responsibilities,
but no action to this date.

HCC

ROW

CROWS LANE

Broken signpost at Rose and Crown footpath now repaired
Improve maintenance of drains
Examine ways of restricting parking at corner with Rose and Crown
Expected to be in 2015/2016 HCC budget
Remove Old Telegraph Pole, removed after some 9 months wait!
Monitor hedge cutting opposite East View Gardens

Action

Resolved

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Resolved

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March 2015