

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2018

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

Very quiet month with little or no action by HCC on local problems that still exist. Locally hedges are being cut by landowners so care required when using our narrow lanes. Little or no work is being done on local ditches which will now be landowner responsibility.

Increased off-road vehicles in side lanes causing problems.

Speeding through village still monitored.

All paths and bridleways have had their annual cut.

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

1. Edges, kerbs to be cleared. Visit by HCC, who have noted problem. Action by HCC.
2. Lane edges above PIES FARM are falling away and require filling. Action by HCC
3. Upper part of lane has 12 ditches that require gullies cleared. Action by HCC
4. The two ditches on first corner partially cleared by HCC in the summer are now totally overgrown and will require further clearing.
5. 3 waterboard manhole covers missing- potentially a problem – reported to SE WATER.

MAIN A32

1. Flood Prevention - Work continues from Newton Valence crossroads along the A32 through village with CCTV investigation, surveying and repairs on going. Ditches previously cleared in summer at Newton Valence crossroads reported as blocked. Old road signs and damaged drainage covers have been seen and need attention. NB: All ditches and gully clearance are deemed to be responsibility of landowners but HCC are doing a ONCE off clearance at present. Legal enforcements are being investigated. Road safety is of course a main concern.
2. 30 mph sign on entering village from south is damaged and requires work - HCC?
3. LAYBY north side: Some tarmac added to part of layby. It is noted the recent increase in litter left at this site.
4. VILLAGE GATEWAYS have been discussed with HCC representative who is providing quotations on possible solutions. Partial funding is available but safety issues on installation may be costly.
5. Blocked drains along A32 and around the Chawton roundabout have been reported. Overgrown kerb edging along the A32 near the Chawton roundabout highlighted as a problem where vegetation is blocking side grids. Action by HCC?

KITCOMBE LANE

1. Increased problems in Kitcombe lane with OFFROAD vehicles. Several problems reported to the authorities.
2. Runoff ditches are reasonably clear at present but must be maintained.

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS

1. Motorbike speeding, overtaking and noisy exhausts, especially on Wednesday nights and weekends are annoying residents. Several reports sent to Police.
2. It is noted that several vehicles are parking in the acceleration lanes over night and restricting visibility at the crossroads.

SHIRNAL HILL

1. Security fencing outside MAPLECOMBE is still an eyesore after approx. 2 years - MORE action now required on removal.

CHURCH ROAD

1. No work on Massey's Folly but English Heritage contacted (NOT by Parish Council) and condition of building discussed. Apparently there was a site meeting with concerned local residents.

THE STREET

1. BLOCKED DRAIN outside BROWNINGS ORCHARD Reported again - Contractors tried to clear drain and associated "well" on other side of road but stated equipment was not large enough to clear due to depth of sediment. HCC?

CROWS LANE

1. Some complaints about large lorry deliveries and parking for building site, Issue is being monitored. 8 New houses near completion with front security hoarding now being removed. Locally concern about reinstatement of hedge and its position.

GASTON LANE

1. Potholes by Barley Wood farm are becoming more of an issue
2. Ditches along lane will require clearing before the winter

HALL LANE

1. Junction sign on Selborne Road indicating left hand turn to Farringdon - Reported
2. ROSE AND CROWN junction - White lines around junction have been remarked but there is still some parking on the lines near the corner causing a problem especially with construction vehicles going to the building site - On Going
3. Drains near Upper Farringdon House have been reported as partially blocked.

PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT

All play equipment recently checked and minor problems corrected. All equipment is checked on a regular basis. Please report any problems seen to Parish Clerk or to any Councillor.

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

Locally hedges are being cut this time of year.

Please note it is the responsibility of landowners to keep all hedges and overhanging trees to be cut back from the road, lane edges and those bordering any footpaths and bridleways; Rights of Way will only cut footpaths to 1m and bridleways to 2m width.

ALL listed footpaths have been cut by Rights of Way Contractors and are clear

Footpath No. 12 Shirnall Hill to Parsonage Close reported as only partially cut has been cleared. Dog bins have been moved to Stank Lane and Parsonage Close.

Problems can be reported to [myself](#) or directly to the [ROW website](#).

FLOODING

Flood Action Group meeting was held on the 13th September with HCC at Winchester to discuss the ongoing flood control actions and plan. A plan is in circulation and work continues on CCTV analysis, surveys, drain and gully clearance and ditch clearance. Approximately 50% of budget (£300k) has been spent.

Work by HCC and contractors will continue throughout this year and will progress along the A32 into Chawton and eventually into south Alton.

Consultation with residents prone to flooding along the A32 is in hand with contact information being sought as to problems associated with the 2000/2014 flooding of gardens.

At present local water levels at approximately 20 metres below surface and correspond to years where NO major flooding has occurred.

Monitoring of water in the A32 ditches to Chawton and any cellar water rises are the first indication of possible problems.

An Emergency plan for flooding and other possible emergencies has been written and circulated to HCC for approval. We await an update on emergency telephone numbers.

Next meeting is to be held on 24th January 2019 at Winchester.

PLEASE REPORT ANY ROAD/ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS DIRECTLY TO ME (David Williams) OR TO ANY PARISH COUNCILLOR OR TO OUR CLERK

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