

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

A quiet start to the year with little or no action by HCC on local problems that still exist. Most hedges have been cut by landowners but some still require some action. Little or no work is being done on local ditches which will now be landowner responsibly. Increased off-road vehicles in side lanes causing problems and occurrences being recorded. Speeding through village still being monitored. (average speed approx 35mph!) All paths and bridleways are in a reasonable state but some stiles are in need of attention.

Next Parish Meeting: Wednesday March 6th 7.30pm @ The Pheasant Function Room.

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

1. Edges, kerbs to be cleared. **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 to be cleared **Action by HCC**
4. Chevron signs on first corner need repair. **Action by HCC**

MAIN A32

1. Flood Prevention

Work, although slow, continues from Newton Valence crossroads along the A32 through the village with CCTV investigation, surveying and repairs on going. Ditches previous cleared in summer at Newton Valence crossroads are now blocked. Old road signs and damaged drainage covers have been seen and need attention.

NB: All ditches and gulley 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:** Clear at present but occasionally some rubbish is being left.
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. **ONGOING**
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. Continued problem in Kitcombe lane with OFFROAD vehicles. Several problems reports to the authorities. **ONGOING**
2. Runoff ditches are reasonably clear at present but must be maintained.
3. Burnt out vehicle in Lords Wood reported to police and landowner by local resident.

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS

1. Monitoring of motorbike speeding, overtaking and noisy exhausts is continuing . 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. This is being monitored.

SHIRNAL HILL

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

CHURCH ROAD

1. Work apparently started on Massey's Folly on Monday 18/02/19
Please be aware of any future traffic movement and any scaffolding works.

THE STREET

1. BLOCKED DRAIN outside BROWNING'S ORCHARD **Reported to. HCC?**
Examined by HCC who say grid is too small for location and will update with larger drain cover.

CROWS LANE

1. 8 New houses near completion with front security hoarding now being removed.
Concern over turf been laid next to road edge which is being damaged by passing vehicles. The site is now named as WEST VIEW no's 1-8.

GASTON LANE

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

HALL LANE

1. Left hand turn junction sign missing on Selborne road. **Reported 5 months ago HCC**
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. **ONGOING**
3. 30 Mph sign on corner damaged and should be moved to be seen more easily.

PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT

All play equipment checked on a regular basis.

The loss of turf by the goal mouth is being investigated for replacement.

PARISH

Stank Lane has new rubbish/dog bin.

Upper playground has had new Multiuse bin installed.

Please report if there is any misuse of bins or seen to be full.

All bins are inspected on a regular basis and collections are made monthly.

Please report any problems seen to Parish Clerk or to any Councillor.

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

ALL listed footpaths were cut last year by Rights of Way Contractors and are clear

Several stiles are in need of maintenance and owners should be aware that barbed wire adjacent to stile is not a good idea.

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.

Problems can be reported to myself or directly to the Rights Of Way website.

FLOODING

Last Flood Action Group meeting was held on the 13th September 2018 with HCC at Winchester to discuss the ongoing flood control actions and future plan. An updated 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 16 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. An update on emergency telephone numbers and information has now been returned to enable us to update plan to second draft. The expected meeting to be held on 24th January 2019 at Winchester was cancelled as little or no further information was available.

PLEASE REPORT ANY ROAD/ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS DIRECTLY TO ME OR TO ANY PARISH COUNCILLOR OR TO OUR CLERK

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