

## **ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION**

Little or no action by HCC on local problems that still exist.

Hedges are now growing rapidly and care should be taken in the local lanes.

Some off-road vehicles in side lanes causing problems and occurrences being recorded.

Speeding through village still being monitored. (average speed approx 35mph!)

Motorbikes a nuisance both in speed and noise especially on Wednesdays and weekends.

All paths and bridleways are becoming overgrown, should be cut in JULY by HCC.

Contractors COLAS at present looking at improvements to local drainage system.

Next Parish Meeting: Wednesday July 3rd 7.30pm @ The Pheasant Function Room.

### **BRIGHTSTONE LANE**

### **Action by HCC please**

1. Edges, KERBS to be cleared as a lot of grit accumulating
2. Two lane edges above PIES FARM are falling away and require filling.
3. Upper part of lane has 12 ditches that require gullies to be cleared  
Although some work has been attempted, the soil has only been pushed into the entrance of the gullies and therefore stopping any water flow
4. Chevron signs on first corner need repair and clearance
5. Two drains of drainage system near SERENDIPITY now totally blocked
6. Repair work on blocked cross road drainage pipe at old bridge should be started shortly.

### **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 last 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**

**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 repair **HCC**
3. **LAYBY north side:** At present being used by COLAS , contractors to HCC for storage of equipment used in the next phase of flood investigation.
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. Drains around the Chawton roundabout are still blocked.

It is noted that there is still an issue following heavy rain where the drains cannot cope.

Kerbstone edges along this section of Main road still need to be cleared

**Action by HCC?**

### **KITCOMBE LANE**

1. Continued problem in Kitcombe lane with OFFROAD vehicles. **ONGOING**
2. Runoff ditches are reasonably clear at present but must be maintained.

### **FARRINGDON CROSSROADS**

1. Monitoring of motorbike speeding , overtaking and noisy exhausts is continuing . Several reports sent to Police and increased monitoring is being considered.
2. Ownership of the car park adjacent to crossroads has been established as belonging to Farringdon Parish Council. At present it is being partially used for contractors COLAS to store equipment required in further flood investigations. Illegally parked vehicles will be dealt with.

### **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 continues on Massey's Folly with scaffolding erected and increased security fencing now in place following HSE's site examination.

### **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 require larger cover.

### **CROWS LANE**

1. WEST VIEW no's 1-8 houses now selling. Turf adjacent to road now stabilizing;

### **GASTON LANE**

1. Potholes by Barley Wood farm are being monitored and will be reported as necessary.
2. Ditches along lane will require clearing.
3. Brickwork under the Caker stream bridge is being monitored for subsidence.

### **HALL LANE**

1. Left hand junction sign missing on Selborne road. **Reported 9 months ago to HCC!!**
2. There are two potholes in Hall lane near farmyard that require attention

3. 30 Mph sign on corner near Upper Farringdon House damaged and should be repaired and moved to be seen more easily.
4. ROSE AND CROWN junction. There is still parking on white lines at the junction which is causing problems turning into Crows Lane **ONGOING**

### **PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT**

All play equipment and bins are checked on a regular basis.  
Rubbish bins have been placed on a monthly contract for emptying.  
Please report if there is any misuse of bins or seen to be full.  
There is a contact number on many of the bins for direct contact with HCC.

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

### **FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES**

#### **ALL listed footpaths are destined to be cut in JULY by Rights of Way Contractors**

Following reports on badly maintained hedges at Marelands and The Hurst;  
These have partially been cut back.

Several stiles are in need of maintenance and owners should be aware that barbed wire adjacent to a 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**

A Flood Action meeting was held at Chawton and details of the 6 weeks of work starting mid June was described but may vary depending on findings and funding.

COLAS contractors will probably undertake investigations at the following sites:-

Farringdon Industrial Centre entrance-- looking for lost pipework system under entrance.  
A32 near Kitcombe Lane -- looking at possible drainage under lane entrance.  
Brightstone lane -- repair under bridge--- blocked drainage pipe.  
Carpark by crossroads --- exploring ways of providing outlet channel for play area.  
A32 drainage ditches and pipework.

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.

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

An Emergency plan for flooding and other possible emergencies has been updated.

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

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