

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

Flooding finally over with minimal work done by HCC due to past 2 months lockdown.

**Due to restrictions on movement, car numbers through the village have reduced but several drivers are taking advantage of the open roads and using them like a race track !
Speeding through the village still being monitored.**

All paths and bridleways are in a good state following the dry weather but some are becoming overgrown.

Lane hedges are growing rapidly with reduced visibility -- reduce speed and look out for tractors especially in Brightstone lane

Problems are being reported to HCC via their website and through "Fix my Street" which is easily accessed with direct reporting to local council with feedback.

Next Parish Meeting: To be notified

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

From 13th July for three weeks the lane will be closed to traffic whilst the SE WATER Board install a new pumping station on the north side of the road from the old pumping station below Serendipity.

An updated pump is required due to the reduction of water pressure at Fourmarks following the large numbers of houses having been built.

Various problems with this lane have been reported over the last few months.

Three sets on contractors have failed to 100% remove the problems.

**Run offs, lane side grit, covered kerb stones and some of the ditches are still a problem.
Beware of lane side edges when driving through upper LORDS WOOD where several vehicles have had damaged tyres. Chevron signs are also in need of repair.**

MAIN A32

A32 clear at present but there are some small issues that require attention:-

Newton Valence crossroads , drains, runoffs and sign are still need of repair.

Edges of road near "The Wheels" need repair and this section of road seem to still have several drains that did not take any of the flood water.

Flood signs have been removed.

Ditches along the "Lonely Mile" and the pipework from the field to the A32 ditch require clearing out.

Drains at the small lay-by require repairing.

Drains around the Chawton Roundabout are blocked with tarmac.

**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.**

A32 LAY-BY north side:

A Welfare unit has been parked for the last 6-8 weeks in the lay-by.

No one has seen any activity around this unit!

Hopefully HCC are not paying for this unit! reported

Please report any litter or rubbish dumping as this is a favourite area.

KITCOMBE LANE

Continued monitoring of off road vehicles.

ONGOING

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS

Hedges on the south side of the playing field along the A32 have now been cut.

SHIRNAL HILL

Security fencing outside MAPLECOMBE is still an eyesore after approx 2 years.

CHURCH ROAD

Water leak in this road now repaired

Work continues on Massey's Folly.

The roadway from Folly past the Church entrance is still being investigated as to ownership and to cost of renewal.

THE STREET

Blocked Drain outside BROWNINGS ORCHARD

Reported to. HCC

Examined again by HCC who report they cannot do anything due to design of system!!

Apparently there is a gas main close to the drain which stops further digging.

We have been asked to report when blocked (of course it is blocked at present!).

CROWS LANE

ROSE AND CROWN junction. There is still parking on white lines at the junction which is causing problems turning into Crows Lane.

ONGOING

GASTON LANE

Due to HALL lane being closed , please drive carefully in GASTON Lane. Increased traffic, overhead line work vehicles and exit onto Selborne road

Possible increasing potholes near Barley Wood farm being monitored.

Ditches along lane are in need of clearance.

Brickwork under the Caker stream bridge is being monitored for subsidence.

Blocked outlet from drainage system from Crows lane down Gaston lane reported to "Fix my Street" and to HCC.

Hedges are now growing quickly, visibility reduced on corners.

HALL LANE

Lane closed at present due to work on overhead electricity power lines running from Lovedean to Fleet -

Lane expected to be open again by mid July

GIVE WAY sign at end of Hall lane/Selborne road reported as damaged.

Left hand junction sign missing on Selborne road. **Reported 15 months to HCC!!**

This sign will be repaired when HCC next close the road!

30 Mph sign on corner near Upper Farringdon House damaged and should be repaired and moved to be seen more easily.

Drains near to Camville Cottage are blocked along pipework running to Crows lane.

PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT

Lower Playground

Please use this area under government guidelines

The issues with the surfacing for play equipment has been completed but final clearing of small amounts of scalplings and debris had to be done by the Parish Council.
Play area will be usable with restrictions as from 4th July – please abide by the posted rules.

Upper Playground

Investigations and quotes are in hand to install two picnic tables at upper playground.
SDNP have kindly produced some funding.
Various other ideas on this community area are being discussed within the village.

Adjacent parking, use of passage and access to Right Of Way is being investigated.

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

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

Footpath: Shirnal Hill to Parsonage Close (FP no12) has problems with access , the Parsonage Close end swing gate is broken.
The south end gate has been replaced and funded by SDNP.

ALL listed footpaths are in reasonable passable state but starting to be overgrown.
Rights of Way team have been updated to this years cutting list for paths and bridleways.

A potential safety problem with the steps down from Woodside Lane to old railway line footpath was raised with the Rights of Way team.

Discussions are continuing on the state of the roadway outside of the church.

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 All back to Normal

An updated plan is still active and work will continue in the future.
There are some outstanding issues which will be addressed as soon as possible when locally we get back to normality. More than 50% of budget (£300k) has been spent.
There has been no meeting with the Flood Action Group since 31st of January 2020

Hopefully before next winter we will have all A32 ditches fully cleared and known problems along the Lavant stream fixed

An updated Emergency plan for flooding and other possible emergencies is being updated with help from HCC.

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

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