

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

Brightstone lane will be closed from November 4th for 2 days for SE Water works.

At present work is going on in preparation of new pumping station installation. Several large delivery lorries have been seen going to the site. Further closures will be made with the new pumping station being installed.

Commissioning of pumping station is destined to be end of April 2021

Hall lane is now open following electricity works on Fleet to Lovedean power grid.

All paths and bridleways are being monitored to accessibility; most are overgrown.

HCC should have cut them by this time of year but are working on reduced workforce.

Lane hedges are growing rapidly with reduced visibility -- - reduce speed and look out for lane edges especially in Brightstone Lane where lane edges have eroded.

HCC have marked some for repair but not all.

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.

Parish Meetings continue but are using ZOOM, refer to Parish website and noticeboards.

Parish website: <https://farringdonpc.org/> Next meeting: Wednesday 4th November @ 7pm

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

A new SE Water pumping station construction has started and is anticipated to be up and running by April 2021. The existing pumping station will then be decommissioned. It is assumed there will be lane closures: Next scheduled closure is November 4th for 2 days

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

Lane side grit - Covered kerb stones - Blocked ditches and drain grids are still a problem although reported. - Chevron signs are in need of repair. Hedges require cutting.

Beware of lane side edges when driving through LORDS WOOD and above where several vehicles have had damaged tyres.

Lane runoffs have been cleared. Tree branches hanging on electrical cables along this lane have been reported to SSE. Verges have been cut.

Problems with telephone cables above Serendipity reported to the Openreach.

MAIN A32

Overnight parking in bus stop near Alward's drive and placement of flags and signs on the War memorial Gardens have been raised by residents, Parish to investigate.

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

Runoffs , ditch and road sign are still need of repair at Newton Valence crossroads.

Side ditches along this section are already overgrown following earlier clearance.

Road edges near "The Wheels" need repair and this section of road seem to still have several drains that are blocked and did not take any of last winters flood water.

Ditches along the "Lonely Mile" and the pipework from the A32 to the field require clearing out. Several fallen trees still block the ditches.

Drains at the small lay-by require repairing.

Drains around the Chawton Roundabout have been repaired but old traffic signs not removed.

New signs installed at north and south of village.

Dragon's Teeth road markings will be added when the delayed resurfacing through the village is completed.

KITCOMBE LANE

Continued monitoring of off road vehicles.

ONGOING

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS

No problems at present but beware crossing due to increased volume and speed of traffic.
Speed monitors are again in action (average speed is 36-37mph in 30mph limit!)
It is noted that police with hand held speed monitors have been operating in this area.
They are catching several speeding motorists!!!

A32 LAY-BY north side:

Surface is starting to breakup with many "potholes" appearing Please report any litter or rubbish dumping as this is a favourite area.

NB: All ditches and gully clearance are deemed to be responsibility of landowners
Legal enforcements are being investigated. Road safety is of course a main concern.

SHIRNAL HILL

Security fencing outside MAPLECOMBE is still an eyesore after approx. 2 years.
Highways have failed to find any reason why the fencing cannot be removed as it deemed not to be a road hazard. Having talked to gardener who goes to visit weekly, he will pass on message to the owner about removal of these two security fence panels – hopefully.

CHURCH ROAD

Work continues on Massey's Folly site.
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

CROWS LANE

ROSE AND CROWN junction. There is still some parking on white lines at the junction which is causing problems turning into Crows Lane. Rose and Crown were contacted and were looking into the matter. ONGOING
Parish is looking at solution to the poor condition of the verges adjacent Westview Gardens

GASTON LANE

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.
Some verges have been cut and lane runoffs cleared.

HALL LANE

Lane has been reopened following completion of work on overhead electricity power grid lines running from Fleet to Lovedean.

Give Way sign at end of Hall lane/Selborne road reported as damaged.

Left hand junction sign to Farringdon missing on Selborne road.
This sign will be repaired when HCC next close the road! Reported 15 months HCC!!

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.

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

Footpath: Shirnal Hill to Parsonage Close (FP no12) has problems with access , the Parsonage Close end swing gate is broken.
Action by Parish

ALL listed footpaths are becoming overgrown.
Footpaths and bridleways are on a list held by HCC who have yet to cut them.
Due to the lockdown and its problems we may not see much action this 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.

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

PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT

Lower Playground

Please use this area under government guidelines

New surfacing for play equipment and the overhead zip wire have now all been repaired.

It is noted that overnight vehicles are parking on the grass adjacent to the children's play area. There is adequate parking in nearby residents parking areas. The Mitsubishi green 4x4 has been moved to the residents parking area by the old telephone box (still has flat tyre!).

Upper Playground

Installation of two new picnic tables has been completed.

Replacement fencing, landscaping and possible raised gardens are being investigated by the Parish Council. All ideas from the community appreciated.

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

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

FLOODING

Local water level @ 97m AOD will flood @ 118m AOD
October rainfall 239mm, Low temp: 4 degC. High temp : 22 degC.

Hampshire County Council have recently received further funding from the Environment Agency and are now planning to carry out further land surveying to help inform potential future work and they would appreciate access to your land (e.g. lawns/gardens) in the coming weeks. At this time, it is estimated access would be required at some point late October/November Contact would be made nearer the time to confirm. There is no need for any property entry.

Further information about the drainage scheme, is available at the Flood Alleviation Projects weblink
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/floodalleviationprojects>

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

To report footpath problems use website <https://row.hants.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx>

To view the Parish Website use <https://farringdonpc.org/>

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

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