

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

Potential flooding shown by rising water levels in lower playing field, cellars and ditches.

Water levels at present measured at Farringdon Centre Borehole show that the water table is rising slowly and is approximately 1.5 m below the surface;

For information look at website:

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/station/9293>

Further flood information can be seen on the recently updated Farringdon Parish Website;

<https://farringdonpc.org/>

Speeding through the village still being monitored with Parish monitors updated.

All paths and bridleways are in a reasonable state although muddy!

Brightstone Lane & Newton Valence lane have been flooded following last months rain.

HCC notified with some work done but due to weather conditions, problems remain.

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: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> MAR 2020 7.30pm @ The Pheasant Function Room.

**BRIGHTSTONE LANE****Action by HCC please**

We have reported various problems with this lane which has been awash with water, grit and mud etc over the last few months.

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

Recently contractors have spent last 3-4 days working on lane and improvement is seen.

**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****1. Flood Prevention**

Contractors are at present clearing drains along the A32 within the village and on to Chawton roundabout.

One of the ditches within the field adjacent to new road/A32 has been cleared.

HCC are to investigate blockages at several pipes under roads that are impeding flow.

Locally there is some concern that the changes will only partially help when it next floods as the road at the Farringdon Crossroads will still be a barrier.

**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. LAYBY north side:**

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

### **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**

4. Drains around the Chawton roundabout are still blocked.  
There is still standing water on the main A32 road.  
Kerbstone edges along this section of Main road still need to be cleared  
Ditches along the A32 require clearing , multiple trees and branches  
Some action recently on some hedge cutting and fallen tree removal.

**ONGOING**

### **KITCOMBE LANE**

1. Continued monitoring of off road vehicles.
2. Reports of fallen braches and trees causing problems.
3. Runoff ditches were inspected.
4. Reports of weekend noise problem with local "clay pigeon" shooting.

**ONGOING**

### **FARRINGDON CROSSROADS**

It is noted that vehicles are parking on the sliproads over night and at least one vehicle seems to have permanent parking spot in Brightstone Lane!!

This vehicle is on SORN and is thought to be illegally parked

### **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 some scaffolding erected and increased security.
2. The roadway from Folly past the Church entrance is being investigated as to ownership.
  - a. Following this; local authorities hopefully will repair/ replace the roadway.

### **THE STREET**

1. 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**

1. ROSE AND CROWN junction. There is still parking on white lines at the junction which is causing problems turning into Crows Lane.  
Care should be taken when approaching rear car park exit to Pub as there have been near misses with cars exiting.

**ONGOING**

### **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.
4. Flytipping- again several tyres left at side of lane--- reported to HCC .

### **HALL LANE**

1. Left hand junction sign missing on Selborne road. **Reported 13 months to HCC!!**  
This sign will be repaired when HCC next close the road!
2. 30 Mph sign on corner near Upper Farringdon House damaged and should be repaired and moved to be seen more easily.
3. Drains near to Camville Cottage are blocked along pipework running to Crows lane. **REPORTED**

### **PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT**

The issues with the surfacing for play equipment is being addressed with work starting as soon as possible depending on weather conditions.  
Investigations and quotes are in hand to install two picnic tables at upper playground.  
Funding from SDNP is being offered for this project.  
The waste bins are now on a regular clearance scheme organised by Parish Council.

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 , one end the swing gate is broken and at the south end the gate is in need of renovation.  
Parish is looking at ways to replace gates with funding from SDNP.

ALL listed footpaths are in reasonable passable state and were cut by Rights of Way.  
Rights of Way team have been updated to this years cutting list for paths and bridleways.  
Some fallen trees and small obstructions have been dealt with by local footpath volunteers.

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

The B.O.A.T. (Byway Open to All Traffic) , New Road from A32 to Church has been Partially repaired where there were multiple potholes.  
Local residents are unhappy about the material used as in the rain it is proving to be too soft.  
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**

An updated plan is in circulation and work continues.  
More than 50% of budget (£300k) has been spent.  
There was a Flood Action Group meeting at Winchester on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2020  
Two members of the Farringdon Parish council with Parish representative from Chawton EHDC, HCC and your district Councillor attending.

We were advised of all of the work done so far and possible work (if funding available) For the next year. Very technical at times but did show their efforts in trying to understand the various conditions for flooding and timescales following excessive downpours.

We were also advised of future work and emergency work if it floods this year.

A local meeting was held at the Pheasant PH with 3 members of HCC and Parish council members to advise invited A32 residents of the possibility of routing some of the expectant flood water from the lower playing field to the rear of Kathleen, Florrie and Lillian houses using the old lavant stream route through their gardens.

Residents were advised that a clear route would be necessary with obstructions such as fencing and walls to be opened up.

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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