

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

**Flooding locally rapidly receding and Kitcombe field clear of surface water.
Ditches along the A32 still have water and there is still flow in the Lavant stream in Chawton**

Water levels today 30th April measured at Farringdon Centre Borehole are at 114.52m and reached a peak of 117.19m. on 15th March (Defined Flood level is 118.05m).

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

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 27th April for two 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.

Recently contractors have spent some time on the lane and improvement is seen but:-

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 in 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 need to be removed

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

Drains at the small layby 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.

LAYBY north side:

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

KITCOMBE LANE

1. Continued monitoring of off road vehicles.
ONGOING

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS

1. There are no reported problems with the crossroads at present.

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 still being investigated as to ownership.

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.
This is being monitored . **ONGOING**

GASTON LANE

1. Some potholes recently filled by Barley Wood farm
2. Ditches along lane are in need of clearance.
3. Brickwork under the Caker stream bridge is being monitored for subsidence.
4. Blocked outlet from drainage system from Crows lane down Gaston lane reported to "Fix my Street" and to HCC.

ONGOING.

HALL LANE

1. Left hand junction sign missing on Selborne road. **Reported 15 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.
4. GIVE WAY sign at end of Hall lane/Selborne road reported as damaged

REPORTED PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT

Lower Playground

No longer flooded with security fencing and all rubbish removed.
Please use this area under government guidelines
The issues with the surfacing for play equipment is being addressed with work started but dependent on current situation and delivery of materials.

Upper Playground

Investigations and quotes are in hand to install two picnic tables at upper playground. Funding from SDNP is being offered for this project.

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

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. Repairs are in hand with Parish getting funding assistance 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 but locally residents were unhappy about the material used as in the rain it proved 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

Having reached the stage where we do not think that flooding will occur this year with the water levels falling continuously over the last month, emergency services were stood down.

HCC have thanked all those who assisted locally in monitoring water levels and providing access to their gardens for flood preventive works

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 since the last meeting on 31st of January 2020

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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