

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2021

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

Increased activity on lane and road problems but still problems exist.

Roadside/lane hedges in most places are now very overgrown. Following the recent verge cutting it was noted (and reported) that the quality of cut was very poor with missed areas, depth and width of cut varied, damage to several roadside bollards (left in the road) and that where runoffs had been dug out previously the cutter just pushed the side deposited soil back into the side ditch!

Brightstone Lane - resurfaced but yet to have any road markings painted.

Starting July 11th HCC Contractors will be working on the A32 though the village with drainage culverts being increased in size with potentially a new runoff at Boundary House end of the road into the nearby field.

Work will also be started on a possible culvert connection from lower playing field to the land near the Orchards plus a culvert across the road south of the crossroads. All this activity hopefully will reduce the risk to winter flooding and is actioned through the Flood Action Group.

Water table level now at 103m AOD and dropping.

Approx 110mm rain in May and 106mm in June measured at Brightstone Lane.

Majority of problems seen within or near the Farringdon Parish are listed in relation to their lane/road location and have been reported to HCC via their website and through "Fix my Street" which is accessed with direct reporting to local council with feedback.

Parish Meetings continue, venue to be advised; refer to website and notice boards.

Next meeting: Thurs 15th July 2021 @7 pm. Parish website: <https://farringdonpc.org/>

MAIN A32 SOUTH to Farringdon crossroads

A32 clear at present but there are some issues that require HCC attention.

Road sign at Newton Valence crossroads still not repaired.

Repair on metal drain cover started a couple of weeks ago but now stopped?

Similarly several projects along this section seem to have been started but not completed (cones and signs still remain?).

Side ditches along this section are overgrown following clearance last year.

Road edges near "The Wheels" need repair.

Contractors were seen working on drains in this area but those that were blocked do not appear to have been examined!

A new culvert will be installed from the west side field to the east side of the A32

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS

No problems at present but beware crossing due to speed of traffic.
Pot holes and poor road surface are being monitored.
After resurfacing of Brightstone lane, white lines have yet to be painted.

A32 NORTH TO CHAWTON ROUNDABOUT

Lay-by: Surface and road edge is breaking up with many “potholes” appearing.
This was reported and reply stated that it was not a safety matter!

To be monitored.

Please report any litter or rubbish as this is a favourite dumping area.
Parish has investigated placing new waste bin at this site with permission from land owner being requested. “Woodside Lane “sign has yet to be added.
Most of the RHS ditches were partially cleared but concern on future work before winter.

The exit pipe work into the Chawton field is still partially blocked
Drain in lay-by and one opposite are in need of attention
Kerb edging stones are covered in grass and soil in most cases.
Old warning signs have been left at Chawton roundabout; some been there for over 7 months!
Various old signs attached to road signs should be removed.

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.

KITCOMBE LANE

No reported problems-Continued monitoring of off road vehicles. ONGOING

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

The construction of a new SE Water pumping station appears to have been completed with all cabinets and pipe work installed; new fencing and entrance has been provided.

The old pumping station will we assume be decommissioned.

Following resurfacing of lane (now a noisy surface) several problems still require action.

Most have been reported.

Covered kerb stones along the lane require clearance.

Most of the side ditches have debris in them; however the runoffs have been partially cleared.

Multiple drains under old railway bridge; some have been cleared but long term problem remains. Chevron signs are in need of repair.

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

Hedges are becoming overgrown with reduced visibility especially at corners.

SHIRNAL HILL

Blocked drains adjacent to Chase view houses; grids unblocked but pipe work is assumed to be still blocked. Reported several times!

Highways sign abandoned after work done on road—again reported.

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

CHURCH ROAD

Work continues at the 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 use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money is a possibility here.

No information if HCC are going to provide solution following investigation of problem with surface water from road flowing into the front of Cruck Cottage after heavy rain.

THE STREET

Blocked Drain outside BROWNINGS ORCHARD (was reported but no action)

CROWS LANE

Lane has been “repaired” in places using the “spray machine”; not a well liked job!

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

It is illegal to park within 10 m of the junction and possible fines can be issued.

Parish is still looking at solution to the poor condition of the verges adjacent Westview Gardens. Possibility of CIL money being used for this project.

GASTON LANE

Drains near Barley Wood farm were blocked causing water to flow down lane and hence increased problems with potholes. Being monitored.

Ditches along lane are in need of clearance.

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

Blocked drainage system from Crows lane down Gaston lane is a problem.

Several instances of fly tipping in this lane.

Tarmac spaying has been made to cover several poor lane surfaces.

A mains water pipe leak has been repaired

Items have been reported to “Fix my Street” and to HCC.

HALL LANE

Give Way sign at end of Hall lane/Selborne has been repaired.

Left hand junction sign to Farringdon missing on Selborne road.

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

Reported 2 years ago HCC!!

30 Mph sign on corner near Upper Farrington House damaged and should be repaired and moved to be seen more easily.
Drains near to Camville Cottage are partially blocked along pipe work running to Crows lane.

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

All paths and bridleways are being monitored to accessibility.
Most have problems with overhanging vegetation and are being reported.
Six paths/bridleways are on the HCC cutting list for cutting.

Footpath no-12: Shirnal Hill to Parsonage Close has problems with access;
the Parsonage Close end swing gate is broken. Action By Parish

Footpath no-3: Access to field at first corner Brightstone lane deemed to be ok for access following complaint by walker.
Another complaint has highlighted the length of grass in this field where the footpath has not been cut – this has been reported and is in hand.

Investigation is underway on the cost of cutting the hedge along the front of Mareland's field which is now the identified site for a proposed new village hall.

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

The ZIP WIRE is out of action following failure of one of the support poles.
Investigation into repair or possible replacement is being investigated.

Action by Parish

Upper Playground now renamed as VILLAGE GARDEN

Garden progressing very well with all beds planted and sunflowers growing.
Lots of work by volunteers have made this a very successful area both for local residents and walkers on the circular route from Chawton.
Further work in the autumn is scheduled with trees and hedging to be planted.
Signs and possible notice board is being investigated.
All ideas and help from the community appreciated.

A problem with the waste bin not emptied is being investigated. Action by Parish

Adjacent parking, use of passage and access to Right Of Way has been investigated.

Illegal parking on the right of way should be reported to the local authorities directly.

FLOODING

Local water level measured 1st July was 103m AOD.

There has been no meeting of the Flood Action Committee but requests for well depths and photographs of the falling Lavant stream have been forwarded to the monitoring group over the last few months. A meeting this September has been hinted at.

Work is to start on JULY 11th on the A32 through the village with the drainage system being increased in size at several locations

Further information about the drainage scheme, is available at the Flood Alleviation Projects weblink:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/floodalleviationprojects>

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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