

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

### **POTENTIAL FOR FLOODING IN FERUARY WITH THE WATER TABLE RISING 0.25M PER DAY OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS**

**Majority of problems seen within or near the Farringdon Parish have been reported to the relevant authorities. Due to local lockdown little or no work has been actioned.**

Problems seen are listed in relation to their lane/road location and 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 notice boards.

Parish website:

<https://farringdonpc.org/>

Next meeting: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January @ 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.

A planning application for a new site entrance was viewed by the parish council without any problems seen. **It is assumed there will be lane closures over the next couple of months.**

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

#### **Lane side grit**

#### **Covered kerb stones**

**Most of the side ditches have debris in them, however the runoffs have been cleared.**

**Multiple drains under old railway bridge, all blocked, excessive amount of soil.**

**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.**

Some work on telephone cables above Serendipity as reported to the Openreach.

### **MAIN A32 to crossroads**

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

**Metal drain cover, ditch and road sign still need repair at Newton Valence crossroads.**

**A32 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.**

### **KITCOMBE LANE**

No reported problems

Continued monitoring of off road vehicles.

**ONGOING**

### **FARRINGDON CROSSROADS**

No problems at present but beware crossing due to speed of traffic.

### **A32 NORTH TO CHAWTON ROUNDABOUT**

Lay-by: Surface is starting to breakup with many “potholes” appearing.  
Please report any litter or rubbish dumping as this is a favourite area.

The road surface along the edge of the lay-by is also breaking up.

Most of the ditches have debris, fallen trees, branches that are blocking water flow

The pipe work under the field entrance where the two ditches meet is totally blocked

The exit pipe work into the Chawton field is also partially blocked

Drain in lay by and one opposite are in need of attention

Excessive amount of water on A32 on left hand side nearer to roundabout which cannot flow into side ditch. Water sometimes is across to centre of road.

Kerb edging stones are totally covered in grass and soil in most cases.

Old warning signs have been left at roundabout, some have been there for over 3 months!

Various old signs attached to road signs should be removed.

**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.**

### **SHIRNAL HILL**

Blocked drains adjacent to Chase view houses, pipe work from these drains is blocked.

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

### **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

## CROWS LANE

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 looking at solution to the poor condition of the verges adjacent Westview Gardens

## GASTON LANE

Drains near Barley Wood farm are blocked causing water to flow down lane and hence increased problems with potholes. 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 recently cleared.

## HALL LANE

Large pot hole reported.

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

**Left hand junction sign** to Farrington missing on Selborne road.

This sign will be repaired when HCC next close the road! **Reported 18 months 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 blocked along pipework running to Crows lane.

## FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

All paths and bridleways are being monitored to accessibility; some are overgrown. Please beware of some of the stiles as woodwork on some are loose and slippery.

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

Due to the lockdown and its problems we have not seen 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**

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 removed from the residents parking area.

### **Upper Playground**

New wooden fencing and gates to replace the old damaged wire fencing on the north and west side is in hand with 3 quotes checked and job allocated.  
Hedging and wire fence removed with new wooden fence installed by owner of adjacent property. 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 November will flood @ 118m AOD  
Measured 31th December 108.44m AOD so water table level is 10m ( 32ft ) below surface.

**At this constant rise of 0.25 m /day we could reach flood level by mid FEBRUARY!**

No sign yet of any water rising in A32 ditch to Chawton, nor any reports of water rising in local cellars which normally indicates the possible occurrence of any flooding in early spring.

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.

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>

Little or NO work has been done by HCC along the A32 with known problems still not fixed .

Report footpath problems to <https://row.hants.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx>

To view the Parish Council 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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