

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

Quiet two months with most of the items requiring attention still active.
Potential for flooding is over; peak of 114.26 m AOD reached on February 24th.
Water table level now at 109m AOD and dropping. Approx 24mm rain in March and 10mm in April 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.

Reports on fly tipping in Gaston Lane, Dead deer on A32, Lay-by surface, potholes etc have recently been reported.

Parish Meetings continue using ZOOM, refer to Parish website and notice boards.
Next meeting: Thurs 6 May 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.
Metal drain cover, ditch and road sign still need repair at Newton Valence crossroads.
A32 side ditches along this section are overgrown following earlier clearance.
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!

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS

No problems at present but beware crossing due to speed of traffic.
Pot holes and poor road surface are being monitored.

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 to investigate placing of new waste bin at this site.
New “UNSUITABLE FOR HGV’S” has been erected at the lane entrance but a new “Woodside Lane “sign has yet to be added.
Most of the RHS ditches still have debris and branches that are blocking any water flow.
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 is seen to be across to centre of road after heavy rain.
Kerb edging stones are covered in grass and soil in most cases.
Old warning signs have been left at roundabout; some have been there for over 5 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.

KITCOMBE LANE

No reported problems
Continued monitoring of off road vehicles.

ONGOING

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

The construction of a new SE Water pumping station continues with all cabinets and pipe work fitted. Work is continuing on construction of a new entrance to their site. The existing pumping station will then be decommissioned.

Various problems still exist with this lane and have been reported.
Lane side grit and covered kerb stones
Most of the side ditches have debris in them; however the runoffs have been 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.

SHIRNAL HILL

Blocked drains adjacent to Chase view houses; grids unblocked but pipe work is assumed to be still blocked. 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.
HCC are to investigate problem with surface water from road flowing into the front of Cruck Cottage after heavy rain.

THE STREET

Blocked Drain outside BROWNING'S ORCHARD (was reported but no action)

CROWS LANE

Reports have been received that the road surface is breaking up; this will be monitored.
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 drainage system from Crows lane down Gaston lane is a problem.
Several instances of fly tipping in this lane.
Items have been reported to "Fix my Street" and to HCC.

HALL LANE

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 22 months ago 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 partially blocked along pipe work running to Crows lane.

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

All paths and bridleways are being monitored to accessibility.
Please beware of some of the stiles as woodwork on some are loose and slippery.
Due to the lockdown and its problems we have not seen much action this year.
Six paths/bridleways are on the HCC cutting list for action later in the year.

Footpath no-12: Shirnal Hill to Parsonage Close has problems with access; the Parsonage Close end swing gate is broken. Parish are aware of problem and will repair when funds available. Action by Parish

Bridle way no-13: Access to stile midway on Stank Lane was seen to be dangerous for walkers and has been reported to Rights of Way (ROW) at HCC who have now allocated funding for repairs which has been carried out.

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

No problems reported.

Upper Playground now renamed as VILLAGE GARDEN

New wooden fencing and gates to replace the old damaged wire fencing on the north and west side has now been successfully installed. Groundwork completed and garden areas are now being planted. A pair of water butts installed. All ideas and help 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 measured 1st May was 109m 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.

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. Hopefully the Flood Action Group will restart work on the area following lockdown .

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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