

# FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL                      NOV 2021

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

Very little work seen on any of the outstanding problems along the main A32 road drainage works now being delayed yet again.

Roadside/lane hedges are now being slowly cut.

Initially starting July 11<sup>th</sup> HCC Contractors were to 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 was also to include 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 work has been delayed.!!

All this activity hopefully would reduce the risk to winter flooding and is actioned through the Flood Action Group. Water table level now at 101m AOD which is normal for November.

Majority of problems seen within or near the Farringdon Parish are listed in relation to their Road/Lane location and have been reported to HCC/EHDC via their websites and through "Fix-My-Street" which is accessed with direct reporting to local councils (HCC & EHDC) with feedback. It is apparent that approximately 50% of the reports are fixed and others are still to be resolved. Locally it is evident that road projects started are not completely finished going by the number of signage + equipment left at the roadside!

Following a formal complaint on local road works I have been requested by HCC to compile a list of individual outstanding problems that have been acknowledged by HCC but not yet resolved.

The main ones are:-

Road works along the A32 south; 5 month old

Abandoned signs at Farringdon crossroads; 6 months old

Drainage problems in Gaston Lane outlet from Crows lane and Hall lane; over 12 months old

Missing left hand turn sign on Selborne road; over 18 months old

Condition of Brightstone lane; over the last 18 months

Abandoned signs around Chawton roundabout; over 7 months old

Parish Meetings continue, refer to website and notice boards.

<https://farringdonpc.org/>

Next meeting: Wed 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 @7pm in committee room at Chawton Village Hall.

## **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 has been repaired.  
Repair on metal drain cover still ongoing with safety screens and cones still not collected.  
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 last years clearance.  
Road edges near "The Wheels" need repair.  
Drains in this area are still blocked!

## **FARRINGDON CROSSROADS**

No problems at present but beware crossing due to speed of traffic.  
Pot holes and poor road surface are being monitored.  
Abandoned road sign has been reported, now 6 months old!

## **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 along the A32 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  
Dead Elm trees adjacent Chawton House land causing concern with fallen branches.  
Kerb edging stones are covered in grass and soil in most cases.  
Old warning signs have been left at Chawton roundabout; some 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. On going

## **BRIGHTSTONE LANE**

Some hedges have been cut but further work is expected.  
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.

At present there appears to be a site clearance in operation with some heavy lorries in lane.

The old pumping station will, we assume, be decommissioned.

Following resurfacing of lane, several problems still require action and have been reported:

Oak tree branch at top crossroads overhanging lane. Reported 2 months ago!

Covered kerb stones along the lane require clearance.

Most of the side ditches have debris in them with runoffs now again requiring clearance.

Multiple drains under old railway bridge and above are now requiring attention.

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. Reported several times!

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

## **CHURCH ROAD**

Work STOPPED at the Massey's Folly site; It is reported that there is a change of ownership of this site. (under receivership?)

The roadway from Folly past the Church entrance is still being investigated as to ownership and to cost of renewal. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money may be used 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.

Following heavy rain the road outside Gills House was heavily awash with mud and water.

This has been photographed and reported to HCC

## **CROWS LANE**

ROSE AND CROWN junction.

Notices of parking restrictions have been displayed at junction with several written comments sent to the council supporting the problem solution which will be enforced by white lines.

(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**

Fly tipping of tree branches partially blocking lane reported and cleared by EHDC Although the safety fencing has been abandoned in the hedge opposite!.  
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 still a problem. reported

## **HALL LANE**

Left hand junction sign to Farrington 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; some have been cut.  
Hedge in front of Mareland's field has been partially cut.

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 1.5m and bridleways to 2.5m 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 the support poles.  
Repairs have yet to happen and hopefully will be concluded shortly and site is out of bounds with safety fencing erected.  
Possible more work on the Zip wire may be needed following a playground safety report; there being some very minor cosmetic problems on equipment to be rectified.  
Overall we were given a satisfactory pass.

## Upper Playground now renamed as VILLAGE GARDEN

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 soon on tree and bulb planting..

All ideas and help from the community appreciated.

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

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

## **FLOODING**

Local water level measured 1<sup>st</sup> November 101m AOD; normal for this time of year. There has been no meeting of the Flood Action Committee at Winchester HCC.

Work was to be started on July 11<sup>th</sup> on the A32 through the village with the drainage system being increased in size at several locations; this being further delayed with no dates yet given.

Locally lanes are a problem especially Brightstone and Gaston with ditches in poor state.

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 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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