

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL SEPT 2021

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

Roadside/lane hedges in most places are now **very overgrown**.

Following the recent verge cutting by HCC 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 and road markings painted.

Problems with several lots of masking tape, old signs and tarmac covered drain covers have been resolved with local action by your parish council.

Initially starting July 11th HCC Contractors were to be working on the A32 through 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 to end of September or mid October which was also the dates given for resurfacing the A32 through the village!!

All this activity hopefully will reduce the risk to winter flooding and is actioned through the Flood Action Group. Water table level now at 100m AOD which is normal for September. Little or no rain in the last two months.

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/EHDC via their websites and through "Fix my Street" which is accessed with direct reporting to local council 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.

(On a recent trip from Chawton Roundabout to Hampshire border at Farnham I counted 38 abandoned signs, posts, cones, A frames and other equipment!!)

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; 3 month old

- Abandoned signs at Farringdon crossroads; 5 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 3 months old

Parish Meetings continue refer to website and notice boards.
<https://farringdonpc.org/>

Next meeting: Wed 15th September 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.

After resurfacing of Brightstone lane, white lines have now been 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.

A recent report of fly tipping and left over road works signs has been cleared by HCC.

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. On going

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

HEDGES VERY OVERGROWN WITH REDUCED VISIBILITY ESPECIALLY AT CORNERS.

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.

There still remain some safety equipment, markers etc that require clearance.

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.

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 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. Reported several times!

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

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

CHURCH ROAD

Work seems to have stopped 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. 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 (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 still a problem.

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

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.

Footpath no-12 Shirnal Hill to Parsonage Close and Footpath no-3: Brightstone lane have been cut with thanks to local land owners for doing these jobs.

Hedge and overhanging branches in front of Mareland’s field (proposed site for new village hall) was reported to HCC but no response yet .
Locally residents have cleared next to the footpath; thanks to those who did this work.

Hedge opposite 1-4 Chaseview causing a problem when large tractors and buses/lorries are trying to pass any legally parked cars.

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 the support poles.

Repair is delayed until mid October 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

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 soon on tree and bulb planting. All ideas and help from the community appreciated.

The problem with the waste bin has been resolved with increased collections paid for by your parish council.

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 1st September was 100m AOD; normal for September.

There has been no meeting of the Flood Action Committee at Winchester.

Work was to be started on July 11th on the A32 through the village with the drainage system being increased in size at several locations; this being delayed until late September or mid October!

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: <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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