# FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL 6th NOVEMBER 2022

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

#### UPDATE ON FLOOD ALLEVIATION ROAD WORKS --- IN PROGRESS

Work has started on installing new pipe work from Boundary House through to New Road which is closed at present. A32 work to restart April/May 2023 and will involve ditch work and under road pipe work between "The Wheels" and "The Cottage" on the A32 south of the crossroads. Further work will start next year in following the route of the Lavant Stream to Chawton, under the Bypass and to Lumbry Farm with blockage points being eased along route. The time scale for this work is still under discussion.

Contractors, landowner consent and licenses are still being sought for non main A32 jobs:-

https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/strategi es/scheme-a32-farringdon david.williams@farringdonpc.org

# LOCAL ROAD/LANE SIGNS

Following a survey of all the road signs within the village and its surrounding area, a report with suggestions listed has been written and the Parish Council will now overview the signage within our village and hopefully at no cost, signs can be updated by HCC.

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 with feedback. It is apparent that less than 50% of the reports are fixed and others are still to be resolved. Locally it is evident that road projects started may not be completely finished going by the number of signs + equipment left at the roadside!

It was also stated by HCC representatives that all hedges and side ditches are the responsibility of the landowner. Hedges and ditches not maintained will receive a 3 letter reminder and if not then maintained will be cut/cleared by HCC contractors at the landowners cost. You have been warned!!

# ESSO SOUTHAMPTON to LONDON new pipeline.

Work continues on the Southampton to London pipeline with pipes now being joined prior to burying at >2m depth. At present the A32 is being bored through to take new pipe. Brightstone Lane appears to have been bored through already.

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

Parish Website is being updated so there may be access problems at present. Next meeting: Wed 16th Nov. 2022 @7.00pm in committee room at Chawton Village Hall.

# LOCAL ISSUES WITH ROADS AND LANES MAJORITY REPORTED TO HCC/EHDC

Over the last 2/3 years I have reported road & lane problems through Fix-My-Street, EHDC and HCC reporting sites:- It is becoming more and more noticeable following the immediate acknowledgement of the report little or no action is then taken. Verbally I have been told only high risk items are tackled first and it is expected other problems may take up to 18 months or not looked at all !!!

Following is a list of local problems; most reported, many not resolved but are still being monitored

## MAIN A32 SOUTH to Farringdon crossroads

Expected A32 flood alleviation works to now start April/May 2023.

## KITCOMBE LANE

Monitoring of off road vehicles.

No reports of any problems

## FARRINGDON CROSSROADS

Road signs are under review.

Following RTA, crossroads could be slippery due to oil loss (treated and signed) Waste bin near bus shelter requires monitoring as filling quickly by Bahnstomers coffee cups! Bahnstomers sign positioning is being monitored.

## A32 NORTH TO CHAWTON ROUNDABOUT

"Woodside Lane "sign is being investigated. Esso pipeline works continue; beware of mud on road! Kerb edging still covered in grass and soil in most cases + some side drains blocked. Various old signs attached to road signs should be removed.

# BRIGHTSTONE LANE

Two new water leaks in lane reported. Covered kerb stones along the lane require clearance. Most of the side ditches have debris in them requiring clearance. 2x Chevron signs are in need of repair. Drains under old bridge are blocked again with accumulated washed down soil and debris.

Beware of lane side edges when driving through and above LORDS WOOD where vehicles have had damaged tyres. all reported to HCC.

## SHIRNAL HILL

Edges of road on rhs reported as well as drains adjacent to Chase view reported.

## CHURCH ROAD

Still no work at the Massey's Folly site with site secured.

The roadway from Folly past the Church entrance is still being investigated as to repair costs. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money may be used here. Road signs in this road are being investigated into their suitability. New Road shut at present due to Flood Alleviation Scheme work.

## THE STREET

Blocked Drain outside BROWNINGS ORCHARD and roadway mud outside GILLS HOUSE ; although reported doubt if any action will follow now.

## CROWS LANE.

Reported water leak repaired 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

Ditches along lane are in need of clearance . Drains near Barley Wood farm are sometimes blocked and being monitored . Brickwork under the Caker stream bridge is being monitored for subsidence.

## HALL LANE

2 signs reported as damaged or not meeting regulations.

## FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

All paths and bridleways are being monitored to accessibility, most are now accessible.

Locally some fallen trees and branches have been cleared by volunteers. 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 FIELD AND VILLAGE GARDEN

#### LOWER PLAYING FIELD AND PLAY GROUND

Please use this area under government guidelines

Following the annual playground inspection which we passed, the parish are requesting quotations on the following:

Double check security of the Zipwire wooden posts as some wobble! All woodwork in play area to be cleaned and resealed with appropriate wood protection. (this will also apply to the parish and village notice boards) The lower playground fencing to be repaired and secured including gate posts at south side.

Please report any problems seen to the Parish council.

#### VILLAGE GARDEN

Garden work by volunteers continues and has made this a very successful area both for local residents and walkers on the circular route from Chawton. 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 was 93.54m AOD; classed as LOW for this time of year. But so far this month I have measured 77mm rain in five days, last months rainfall was 95mm !!!

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

https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/floodall eviationprojects

To report footpath problems use website <a href="https://row.hants.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx">https://row.hants.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx</a>

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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