

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

Very little work seen on any of the outstanding problems with the main A32 road drainage delayed from last year now destined to start early January.

There have been a number of reasons for the delay to works beginning on the ground, not least being the fact that contractor resources are low due to Covid. Other concerns relating to ground water levels late last year have reduced so work is to commence this January.

Various phases will be in operation and are indicated as follows:-

Hampshire Highways and Operation Resilience continue with ditch and runoff clearances along the A32 from Chawton through Farringdon towards East Tisted. (4th January)

A32 east side ditch Chawton to Farringdon to be cleared starting 10th January.

Newton Valence crossroads at Mary Lane junction—drains and roadworks.

New drainage pipe across A32 by the Cottage.

Drainage works. North of the Farringdon crossroads.

A32 road resurfacing will now take place in the next financial year assumed to be April/May; weather and contractor dependent. White lining and signs to follow.

All this activity hopefully would reduce the risk to winter flooding and is actioned through the Flood Action Group. Water table level now at 102.65 AOD which is normal for January.

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 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 signs + equipment left at the roadside!

Parish Meetings continue, refer to [Parish Council website](#) and notice boards.

Next meeting: Wed 12th January 2022 @7pm in committee room at Chawton Village Hall.

(This may change due to any Government directives)

MAIN A32 SOUTH to Farringdon crossroads

A32 clear at present but there are some issues that require HCC attention.

Repair on metal drain cover at Newton Valence crossroads 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 clearance in 2020.

Road edges near “The Wheels” need repair and 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 removed finally after 6 months!

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 Council has investigated placing new waste bin at this site with permission from land owner being requested. "Woodside Lane "sign has yet to be added.

Work by HCC in January hopefully will clear all of the drains/ditches problems.
Dead Elm trees and Ash trees (Ash die back) have been cleared by Chawton House.
Kerb edging stones are covered in grass and soil in most cases + side drains blocked.
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.

KITCOMBE LANE

Problems with flash flooding and possible problems with Ash die back reported.
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 is now complete.
SE Water should be congratulated on leaving the site in such a clean and tidy condition. 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 of crossroads overhanging lane. Reported 2 months ago!

Covered kerb stones along the lane require clearance.

Most of the side ditches have debris in them requiring clearance.

Chevron signs are in need of repair.

Beware of lane side edges when driving through and above LORDS WOOD where several vehicles have had damaged tyres. Reported

SHIRNAL HILL

Excess mud near 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. Road edges reported as breaking up on the right hand side going to Upper Farringdon.

CHURCH ROAD

Work STOPPED at the Massey's Folly site.

There being a change of ownership of this site with the site now been made properly 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. 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—as yet no action.

CROWS LANE

ROSE AND CROWN junction.

New yellow lines have been painted at junction and it is now illegal to park within 10 m of the junction and possible fines can be issued. **Several vehicles are not complying!!**

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 eventually cleared by EHDC.

Ditches along lane are in need of clearance and exit point of piped drainage system from Crows lane into this lane needs attention. Reported to HCC.

Drains near Barley Wood farm are sometimes blocked and being monitored .

Brickwork under the Caker stream bridge is being monitored for subsidence.

HALL LANE

Left hand junction sign to Farringdon missing on Selborne road. Reported again.

30 Mph sign on corner near Upper Farringdon House damaged and should be repaired and moved to be seen more easily.

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

All paths and bridleways are being monitored to accessibility. Six paths/bridleways are on the HCC cutting list for cutting; some have been 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 FIELD AND VILLAGE GARDEN

PLAYING FIELD AND PLAY GROUND

Please use this area under government guidelines

The ZIP WIRE is out of action following failure of the support poles. Repair destined to happen last month has yet to happen and at present 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.

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. New trees have been planted and bulbs will be planted shortly. 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 1st January was 102.65m AOD; normal for this time of year.

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

Various Flood Action Group works restart this January with several projects to be action-ed along the route of the Lavant Stream from Newton Valence Crossroads to Chawton through Lower Farringdon and will cause delays along the A32.

It is expected that work will take possibly 2 months to complete.

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/>

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