

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2022

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

Following the very high winds, several trees, branches, chimney pots and of course fences have blown down. All roads are clear but please be vigilant as some branches are still falling.

Hampshire Highways and Operation Resilience appear to have completed the ditch and runoff clearances along the A32 from Chawton through Farringdon towards East Tisted.

In March it is expected Flood Alleviation works to start on the following:-

Newton Valence crossroads at Mary Lane junction—drains

New drainage pipe across A32 by the Cottage.

Increased diameter drainage works, north of the Farringdon crossroads.

A32 road resurfacing will now take place later in the year. 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 104.58 AOD which is normal for March.

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 may not be completely finished going by the number of signs + equipment left at the roadside!

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

Next meeting: Wed 9th March 2022 @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.

Metal drain cover repair at Newton Valence crossroads completed but cones left.

Access to Newton Valence restricted due to frog/toad movements in upper part of village.

Road edges near “The Wheels” need repair and drains in this area are still blocked!

KITCOMBE LANE

Problems with flash flooding and possible problems with Ash die back reported.

Monitoring of off road vehicles: On going

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

Marelands field hedge has been cut following request by HCC prior to expected road works in increasing drain size along the west side of the A32.

Lay-by: Road surface has been repaired but lay-by (not HCC owned) is still in poor state. 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 Operation Resilience now completed with clearance of most of the ditches but with the last few weeks of wind there are several fallen trees branches in need of clearance by landowners.

Kerb edging stones are still covered in grass and soil in most cases + side drains blocked. Various old signs attached to road signs should be removed.

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

The construction of a new SE Water pumping station is now complete. SE Water appears to have completed work in the lane outside the old pumping station and the lane is now open. A large water leak further up the lane has been repaired. The old pumping station is, we assume, being decommissioned. Approximately 30 bags of insulation material was fly tipped in lane and EHDC have acted quickly in clearing all bags.

Other problems exist in lane and have been reported.

Oak tree branch at top of crossroads overhanging lane: Reported 3 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 now cleared

Grids unblocked but pipe work is assumed to be still blocked.

Security fencing outside MAPLECOMBE is still there after two years although requests to remove have not been actioned.

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.

Apparently a bank now has taken over site with survey taking place with decision and, possibly, new planning for the site to be issued soon.

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.

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.

Westview: Parish is still looking at solution to the poor condition of the verges adjacent to Westview Gardens. Possibility of CIL money being used for this project.

GASTON LANE

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

Large oak tree fallen in Stank lane with damage to adjoining garden sheds.

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 PLAYGROUND

Please use this area under government guidelines

The ZIP WIRE is repaired and is fully operational.

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 has made this a very successful area both for local residents and walkers on the circular route from Chawton. Adjacent fencing blown over by the wind is being rectified as soon as possible with panels and labour in short supply. 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 104.58m 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 hopefully will restart in March with several projects to be actioned 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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