

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2023

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

Parish Meetings continue, refer to website and notice boards. <https://farringdonpc.org/>
Next meeting: Wednesday 15th November 2023 @7.00pm in Farringdon Church.
Reporting any local issue on road, footpaths etc.can now be done via our updated website.

UPDATE ON FLOOD ALLEVIATION ROAD WORKS --- IN PROGRESS

Non A32 flood alleviation works continue with new overflow pipe installed from lower Parish playground area to hedge line opposite no. 4 Chase View.
Headwall completed at the south end of Parish playground following pipe/ditch work in properties south of the playground; the flood water being routed under the A32 from the field below FIC.
Future works on pipe/ditch work to follow the route of the Lavant stream.
Discussions with the Flood Alleviation Group and residents continue to establish future responsibilities and any licensing required.

Hopefully further work will continue 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 sort for non main A32 jobs:-

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/strategies/scheme-a32-farringdon>
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LOCAL ROAD/LANE SIGNS

HCC have updated most of the road/lane signs in the village but there are some changes still required especially around the "school" signs--- discussions continue with HCC.

A meeting with a HCC sign expert has generated a list of sign corrections and updates.

Any new village signs will have to be paid for by the Parish council.

Following the resurfacing and new white lining of the A32, several points have been raised as to the suitability of the white lining; its action in controlling parking, overtaking and speed through the village--- again discussions are in place with HCC.

ESSO SOUTHAMPTON to LONDON new pipeline.

Work continues on the Southampton to London pipeline and locally we seem to have only ground levelling to complete with most of the rubbish removed.

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

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.

Comments from HCC suggest that only high risk items are being tackled at present and that minor problems could take up to 18 months to resolve!!

MAIN A32 SOUTH to Farringdon crossroads

A32 adjacent flood alleviation works are near completion..

Ditches at side of the A32 require clearing and it is also evident that drainage pipes under side roads are partially blocked.

KITCOMBE LANE

Monitoring of off road vehicles. - No reports of any problems
A potential problem with overhanging Ash trees has been highlighted and information has been passed to Newton Valence council to follow up.

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS (north to the 30mph limit)

The old telephone box is being re painted and local notice boards will be refurbished.
Minor changes to the road signs have been requested and hopefully HCC will accommodate.
The memorial rose gardens are in the process of being further updated.

A32 NORTH TO CHAWTON ROUNDABOUT

“Woodside Lane “signs are being investigated.
A32 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.
There are broken signs near and on the Chawton roundabout and now grass although cut is again causing visibility problems—Signs at the junction—coffee and dog related do not help.
All old signs and rubbish have been collected with HCC being notified, about 50% have been removed.

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

Some of the hedges have been trimmed back, others are in need of cutting.
Following the recent rain, most of the drains are blocked and debris has accumulated under the old bridge. All reported to HCC
Covered kerb stones along the lane require clearance.
Most of the side ditches have debris in them requiring clearance.
Beware of lane side edges when driving through and above LORDS WOOD where vehicles have had damaged tyres.
Overhead BT/Openreach telephone cables were reported to the authorities.
Several sites in lane where cables are being pulled down by trees are deemed not to be a problem for BT nor HCC but rests solely with the landowner until they break!!

SHIRNAL HILL

Edges of road on rhs reported as well as drains adjacent to Chase view reported.
These drains were to be connected to the new overflow system from the playing area but it looks as though these are still blocked – to be further checked.

CHURCH ROAD

Road signs are in the process of being updated. Old telephone box to be repainted.
A very large list of planning changes for Massey’s Folly were discussed locally by a Parish Council planning meeting recently and basically we saw no change from the Parish’s comment (objection) previously made.
The roadway from Folly past the Church entrance is still being investigated as to rebuild costs with contractors identified.

THE STREET

Blocked Drain and drainage problems reported but no action by HCC.

CROWS LANE.

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

Parking at corner of Crows lane and Hall lane more compliant with road markings but the yellow double markings are fading fast--- this have been reported and hopefully will be repainted shortly.

GASTON LANE

Ditches near outlet of drainage system from Crows Lane/Gaston lane are still blocked. Brickwork under the Caker stream bridge is being monitored for subsidence. Potholes are appearing in lane below Barley Wood Farm

HALL LANE

Two signs reported as damaged or not meeting regulations have been updated by HCC during their village sign update.

One chevron sign may not meet regulations and again will be replaced or removed.

Further investigation is being undertaken by HCC.

Large pothole in lane fixed but new pothole has developed further along!

The new SDNP sign at the junction of Hall lane and the B3006 has been reported as a sightline obstruction. The left hand junction sign on the B3006 still not replaced after 2 years!!! Two signs now marked as HCC could not find them in the overgrown hedges!!

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

All paths and bridleways are being monitored; most are now getting overgrown.

HCC Rights of Way list six paths within the parish and hopefully are being or will be cut shortly.

It has been 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!!

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

A new playground inspection has been carried out and has highlighted several small problems, such as cleaning, rough edges on woodwork, small repair jobs on the play equipment including the MUGA equipment.

All woodwork in play area to be cleaned and resealed with appropriate wood protection.

Work will be authorised by the Parish as soon as possible.

HCC Flood and Action group requested Parish permission for a new headwall to be built by them and then maintained by the Parish to allow the flowing Lavant stream during flooding to be routed via pipe work behind "The Cottage" into the Lower Play Area as a holding reservoir. Parish council agreed to work being done and a licence for the work has been presented to the council. Future maintenance of the headwall and pipe work was not agreed to by the Parish. Apparently discussions are in hand with landowners. An outlet pipe is being added to drain water from the playing field to behind the eastern row of houses on the A32 ie. Follow the path of the old Lavant Stream

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.

The fence near footpath is in need of repair and quotes are being sort by the Parish.

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 100m AOD on November 8th and is rising slowly.

Previous years have shown this trend and it is the rainfall in December, January and February that seems to decide if it will flood with Lavant stream starting to become visible first

of all in ditches along the A32 then in house cellars. Keep checking Parish website.

There have been no further meetings at Winchester since the Flood Action Committee updated us on their progress to date and future work timescales.

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 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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