

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2024

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

Very quiet last two months with little or no local activities.

Parish Meetings continue, refer to <https://farringdonpc.org/> and notice boards.
Next meeting: Tues:9th July 2024 @7.00pm in ROYAL OAK MEETING ROOM.
Reporting any local issue on road, footpaths etc. can now be done via our updated website.
Hopefully the more instances of you reporting a problem will raise the priority of the job!

UPDATE ON FLOOD ALLEVIATION ROAD WORKS --- IN PROGRESS

We await result of HCC application for the continuation of the alleviation pipe work/ditch through the rear of the gardens east of the A32 following the Lavant stream route. Please refer to:-

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

LOCAL ROAD/LANE SIGNS

HCC have updated most of the road/lane signs in the village but there are still some sign changes which are still under discussion—timescales unknown.

ESSO SOUTHAMPTON to LONDON new pipeline.

Locally work has resumed with final ground work next to A32 being nearly completed.

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. AT PRESENT LITTLE OR NO WORK IS NOW SEEN BY HCC.

MAIN A32 SOUTH to Farringdon crossroads

Ditches at side of the A32 require clearing and it is also evident that drainage pipes under side roads are still partially blocked. Responsibility deemed to be with landowners.

KITCOMBE LANE

No reports of any problems.

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS (north to the 30mph limit)

Refurbishment of the old telephone boxes and the Parish notice board still to be completed. Minor changes to the stop signs at the crossroads and FIC/FBP signs to be placed onto one post with new footpath sign at Aylward's Drive have been requested and hopefully HCC will accommodate. Hedge by Marelands Field (site of possible New village hall has been cut)

Memorial rose gardens by the bus shelter being looked at and will be updated by year end.

A32 NORTH TO CHAWTON ROUNDABOUT

New "Woodside Lane "signs are requested; two suggested, one left and one right of lane. The ditches along the A32 are still a problem with litter, rubbish and vegetation in them. Although again reported to HCC, It appears that the onus is still on the land owner to clear! There are still broken signs near and on the Chawton roundabout. There is still a quantity of old road signs and rubbish, although reported to HCC still remain.

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

Most of the side ditches still require clearance as most are filled with washed down gravel. Following a further complaint on the state of the lane and with an engineer visiting, no action will be immediately undertaken. HCC state they provide twice yearly drain and road clearance by pump lorry and road sweeper. Poor verge cutting was reported to HCC but as yet no response.

SHIRNALL HILL

Drains at Chase view dealt with and will be future monitored.

CHURCH ROAD and PARSONAGE CLOSE

Road signs are in the process of being updated. Old telephone box to be repainted. Massey's Folly is still there in the same state as 10-12 months ago. There has been some indication that there may be some work about to happen! The building is no longer water proof so we wait and see if any work starts soon – hopefully! Track by Church is waiting for planning approval - it has already been allocated funding although the available monies may now be in question due to increased costs and timescales.

THE STREET

Blocked drain and drainage problems still apparent, may need to be reported again.

CROWS LANE.

Parish is still looking at solution to the poor condition of the verges adjacent to Westview Gardens. CIL money being allocated for this project. But costs from HCC sources indicate excessive overspend – to be discussed again. Parking at corner of Crows lane and Hall lane has improved with repainting of the double yellow lines.

GASTON LANE Closed until end of July 2025 according to HCC map info !!!

Gaston lane (Caker stream bridge) is still **CLOSED** until bridge repaired with HCC engineers having surveyed site end of May; we await action.

HALL LANE

Poor visibility with hedges growing quickly; one road sign now no longer seen beware! One chevron sign may not meet regulations and again will be replaced or removed. 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 but has been highlighted yet again to HCC

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

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

HCC Rights of Way list six paths within the parish and hopefully are on the list for this year.

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.

LOWER PLAYING FIELD, PLAY GROUND AND VILLAGE GARDEN

Lower playing field back in action after lavant stream rise. Monitoring of the grass cutting is in progress and we may be advising contractors of further requirements.

Future work on timber play structures will take place weather permitting.

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.

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 Water table now back to normal.

Local water level measured was 110.2m AOD on July 1st and is still falling slowly.

There have been no further meetings at Winchester with the Flood Action Group.

To report footpath problems use the Parish Website

<https://farringdonpc.org/>

PLEASE REPORT ANY ROAD/ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS DIRECTLY TO ME

OR TO ANY PARISH COUNCILLOR, OUR CLERK, OR VIA THE PARISH WEBSITE.

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