

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

Potential for flooding in March is receding; the water table rose very slowly over the last few weeks reaching a peak of 114.26 m AOD on February 24th. Water table level now very slowly falling.

Majority of problems seen within or near the Farringdon Parish have been reported to the relevant authorities. Due to local lockdown little or no work has been actioned.

Problems seen are listed in relation to their lane/road location and are being reported to HCC via their website and through "Fix my Street" which is easily accessed with direct reporting to local council with feedback.

Parish Meetings continue but are using ZOOM, refer to Parish website and notice boards. Next meeting: Wed 10th March 2021 @7 pm. Parish website: <https://farringdonpc.org/>

BRIGHTSTONE LANE: The construction of a new SE Water pumping station continues and is anticipated to be up and running by April 2021. The existing pumping station will then be decommissioned. A planning application for a new site entrance was viewed by the parish council without any problems seen. It is assumed there will be lane closures over the next couple of months.

Various problems still exist with this lane and have been reported.

Lane side grit and covered kerb stones, most of the side ditches have debris in them; however the runoffs have been cleared.

Multiple drains under old railway bridge, some have been cleared but long term problem remains with excessive soil washed down on the lane.

Chevron signs are in need of repair.

Beware of lane side edges when driving through Lords Wood and above where several vehicles have had damaged tyres.

MAIN A32 SOUTH to Farringdon crossroads:

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

Metal drain cover, ditch and road sign still need repair at Newton Valence crossroads.

A32 side ditches along this section are already overgrown following earlier clearance.

Road edges near "The Wheels" need repair.

Contractors were seen working on drains in this area but those that were blocked do not appear to have been examined!

KITCOMBE LANE: No reported problems. Monitoring of off road vehicles continued. ONGOING

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS: No problems at present but beware crossing due to speed of traffic.

Pot holes and poor road surface being monitored.

A32 NORTH TO CHAWTON ROUNDABOUT : The gas leak reported opposite Farringdon Hurst has now been repaired.

Lay-by: Surface is starting to breakup with many "potholes" appearing.

The road surface along the edge of the lay-by is also breaking up.

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.

Lack of signage for Woodside Lane has been reported to HCC.

Most of the ditches have debris, fallen trees, branches that are blocking water flow. The exit pipe work into the Chawton field is also partially blocked. Drain in lay by and one opposite are in need of attention.

Excessive amount of water on A32 on left hand side nearer to roundabout which cannot flow into side ditch. Water is seen to be across to centre of road after heavy rain.

Kerb edging stones are covered in grass and soil in most cases.

Old warning signs have been left at roundabout; some have been there for over 3 months!

Various old signs attached to road signs should be removed.

NB: All ditches and gully clearance are deemed to be responsibility of landowners. Legal enforcements are being investigated. Road safety is of course a main concern.

SHIRNAL HILL: Blocked drains adjacent to Chase view houses; pipe work from these drains is blocked. Security fencing outside MAPLECOMBE is still an eyesore after approx. 2 years. MORE action now required on removal.

CHURCH ROAD: Work appears to have stopped on the Massey's Folly site. The roadway from Folly past the Church entrance is still being investigated as to ownership and to cost of renewal.

THE STREET: BLOCKED DRAIN outside BROWNINGS ORCHARD Reported to HCC (but no action)

CROWS LANE: Reports have been received that the road surface is breaking up; this will be monitored.

ROSE AND CROWN Junction: There is still some parking on white lines at the junction which is causing some problems turning into Crows Lane. It is illegal to park within 10 m of the junction and possible fines can be issued. Parish is looking at solution to the poor condition of the verges adjacent Westview Gardens

GASTON LANE: Drains near Barley Wood farm are blocked causing water to flow down lane and hence increased problems with potholes. Ditches along lane are in need of clearance. Brickwork under the Caker stream bridge is being monitored for subsidence. Blocked drainage system from Crows lane down Gaston lane is a problem. Items have been reported to "Fix my Street" and to HCC.

HALL LANE: Give Way sign at end of Hall lane/Selborne road reported as damaged. Left hand junction sign to Farringdon missing on Selborne road. This sign will be repaired when HCC next close the road! Reported 20 months ago HCC!!

30 Mph sign on corner near Upper Farringdon House damaged and should be repaired and moved to be seen more easily. Drains near to Camville Cottage are partially blocked along pipe work running to Crows lane.

PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT: Please use this area under government guidelines

Lower Playground: No problems reported but access to Shirnall Meadow from the Street is a problem at present with several drains blocked with mud collecting on the road. This has been reported directly to HCC with no action as yet.

Upper Playground: New wooden fencing and gates to replace the old damaged wire fencing on the north and west side has now been successfully completed. Landscaping and possible raised gardens are being investigated by a village work party. All ideas from the community appreciated.

Adjacent parking, use of passage and access to Right Of Way is still being investigated.

Please report any problems seen to [Parish Clerk](#) or to any [Councillor](#).

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES: All paths and bridleways are being monitored to accessibility; some are overgrown. Please beware of some of the stiles as woodwork on some are loose and slippery. Due to the lockdown and its problems we have not seen much action this year.

Footpath No-12: Shirnal Hill to Parsonage Close has problems with access; the Parsonage Close end swing gate is broken. Parish are aware of problem and will repair when funds available - Action by Parish

Bridle Way No-13: Access to stile midway on Stank Lane is seen to be dangerous for walkers and has been reported to Rights of Way (ROW) at HCC who have now allocated funding for repair.

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 1m and bridleways to 2m width. Problems can be reported to myself or directly to the Rights Of Way website.

FLOODING: Local water level measured 24th February @ 114.26 m AOD now 1st March dropping slowly. Water did rise in ditches along the A32, no reports of water rising in local cellars which normally indicates the possible occurrence of any flooding in early spring.

Further information about the drainage scheme, is available at the [Flood Alleviation Projects](#)

Little or NO work has been done by HCC along the A32 with known problems still not fixed.

Hopefully the Flood Action Group will restart work on the area following lockdown .

Please Report Any Road/Environmental Problems Directly To:

Me ([David Williams](#)), [Any Parish Councillor](#) or to the [Parish Clerk](#)

[Farringdon Parish Council Website](#)