

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2023

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

UPDATE ON FLOOD ALLEVIATION ROAD WORKS --- IN PROGRESS

Following the extensive resurfacing of the A32 (delayed from September 2022) from Kitcombe Lane through the village to the northern lay by also resurfaced, flood action alleviation work has resumed this month.

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

A32 flood alleviation work has restarted this month with side road works at Cherry Tree Farm, FIC entrance and the field opposite “The Wheels” and will involve ditch work and under road pipe work between “The Wheels” and “The Cottage” on the A32 south of the crossroads. There may be times when traffic flow will be under traffic light control.

Further work will start this year 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 produced a signage plan to update the road signs within the village. A timescale for implementation has yet to be set.

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.

Beware of mud on both the A32 and Brightstone lane near to site works when and if it rains.

Parish Meetings continue, refer to website and notice boards.

<https://farringdonpc.org/>

Next meeting: Thurs 13th July 2023 @7.00pm in Farringdon Church.

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

Expected A32 adjacent flood alleviation works have started this month.

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.

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS

The white lining may have to be changed as did not follow detailed plan.

A32 NORTH TO CHAWTON ROUNDABOUT

The Marelands Field hedge has been cut by the owner having been contacted by the Parish.

“Woodside Lane “sign is being investigated.

New road - Flytipping of tyres reported to EHDC and that someone had thrown cones and road signs into the adjacent field.

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 with the grass eventually been cut highlighting old road signs and rubbish!

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

Hedges are getting overgrown. Covered kerb stones along the lane require clearance.

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

2x Chevron signs are in need of repair and will be part of the signage update by HCC.

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.

Several sites in lane where cables are being pulled down 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.

CHURCH ROAD

A very large list of planning changes for Massey's Folly were discussed locally by a Parish Council planning meeting on 28th June and basically we saw no change from the Parish's comment (objection) previously made. Hopefully work will start soon and the site will be updated. Comments and/or objections can be submitted via SDNP/22/05319/CND.

The roadway from Folly past the Church entrance is still being investigated as to rebuild costs with contractors identified.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money is allocated for this project.

THE STREET

Blocked Drain outside BROWNINGS ORCHARD and roadway mud outside GILLS HOUSE ; although reported doubt if any action will follow now.

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.

GASTON LANE

Some of the ditches towards Caker stream have been cleared but 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

2 signs reported as damaged or not meeting regulations and hopefully will be changed by HCC signage update. Beware of large pothole in lane and junction on Selborne road has poor visibility both north and south; speed seems excessive and there are still missing road signs after 18 months following reporting to HCC (even after fatality).

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

Beware of GASTON LANE and HALL LANE as becoming very overgrown

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

HCC Rights of Way list six paths within the parish and hopefully 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

Following the annual playground inspection which we passed, the parish authorised work on the following which has been completed:-

Undergrowth and old tree branches cleared and fences repaired.

Small repair jobs on the play equipment including the MUGA equipment is to be undertaken.

All woodwork in play area to be cleaned and resealed with appropriate wood protection. (This will also apply to the parish and village notice boards)

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. An outlet pipe is being added to drain water from the playing field to behind the eastern row of houses on the A32. Following the path of the old Lavant Stream.

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.

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.

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 106.57m AOD on July 6th, normal for this month.

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/floodallaviationprojects>

To report footpath problems use website: <https://row.hants.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx>

To view the Parish Council Website u <https://farringdonpc.org/>

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OR TO ANY PARISH COUNCILLOR OR TO OUR CLERK

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