

# **FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL     MARCH 2023**

## **ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION**

### **UPDATE ON FLOOD ALLEVIATION ROAD WORKS --- IN PROGRESS**

Flooding would appear to have receded this year with water table reaching 114.13m AOD.

A32 work to restart April/May 2023 and will involve ditch work and under road pipe work between "The Wheels" and "The Cottage" on the A32 south of the crossroads. 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 sought for non main A32 jobs:-

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

### **LOCAL ROAD/LANE SIGNS**

HCC will be working on a signage plan to update the road signs within the village. A timescale has yet to be set.

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"

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!!

**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!!**

### **ESSO SOUTHAMPTON to LONDON new pipeline.**

Work continues on the Southampton to London pipeline with local work nearing completion. Beware of mud on both the A32 and Brightstone lane near to site works.

Parish Meetings continue, refer to website and notice boards.

<https://farringdonpc.org/>

Next meeting: Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 @7.00pm in committee room at Chawton Village Hall.

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

### **Not many changes – just more potholes!!**

Following is a list of local problems; most reported.  
Many not resolved but are still being monitored

### **MAIN A32 SOUTH to Farringdon crossroads**

Expected A32 flood alleviation works to now start April/May 2023.  
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**

Road signs are under review.

New larger waste bin near bus shelter on A32 has been installed.

The old telephone box (now defibrillator) – door now repaired.

Tree work at Farringdon Industrial Estate was queried and found to be ok.  
EHDC informed us that the trees in question could not be covered by a TPO as many are in a poor state. They however did say that any interference with the nesting rooks would be an chargeable offence.

### **A32 NORTH TO CHAWTON ROUNDABOUT**

“Woodside Lane “sign is being investigated.

Esso pipeline works continue; beware of mud on road!

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.

### **BRIGHTSTONE LANE**

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 HCC signage update.

Drains under old bridge are constantly being blocked with accumulated washed down soil and debris.

Beware of lane side edges when driving through and above LORDS WOOD where vehicles have had damaged tyres.

Overhead BT/Openreach telephone cables have been 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 were discussed locally by a Parish Council planning meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Hopefully work will start soon.

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

## **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.

Lots of potholes below Barley Wood Farm.

## **HALL LANE**

2 signs reported as damaged or not meeting regulations and hopefully will be changed by HCC signage update. Overhead 11kvolt line reported with sagging cables.

## **FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES**

All paths and bridleways are being monitored to accessibility, most are now accessible but there are several small branches fallen in places as well as mud!.

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**

### **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:-

Undergrowth and old tree branches cleared to make way for surrounding fence repairs. The lower playground fencing: to be repaired and secured, including gate post at south side. **These have been completed.**

#### **Other works to follow:-**

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 are requesting 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 suggested 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.

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.

Raised beds are being designed and will hopefully be installed shortly.

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 112.43m AOD on March 2nd

Flooding would appear to have receded this year with water table reaching a high of 114.13m AOD. Water appearing in the Farringdon to Chawton A32 drainage ditches and rising water in local cellars are the main indicators.

A meeting is to be held late March at Winchester where the Flood Action Committee will be updating 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 Council 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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