

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL **JULY 2025** **ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION**

Again, very quiet last two months with little/no work from Hampshire Council on various highlighted/reported problems.

Parish Meetings continue, refer to website and notice boards. <https://farringdonpc.org/>

Next meeting: Thurs. 10TH JULY 2025 @7pm in All Saints Church.

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 WORKS **IN PROGRESS**

The HCC planning 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 was passed in HCC's favour and the task must be completed within 3 years. No timescales yet.

LOCAL ROAD/LANE SIGNS

A village consultation on changes to the incoming/outgoing signs on the A32 is being conducted.

The aim is to increase the village identity.

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.

MAIN A32 SOUTH to Farringdon crossroads

Ditches at side of the A32 still require clearing and it is also evident that drainage pipes under side roads are still partially blocked. Responsibility deemed to be with landowners. The A32 resurfacing south of the village is now complete with two small items still to be addressed.

Being an "A" road, diversions were via alternative routes such as the A31 and A272.

Locally this caused several problems with wrongly placed signage and very large lorries and speeding vehicles using the side lanes; at least one crash in Brightstone lane with hedge and residents wall demolished .

KITCOMBE LANE

No reports of any problems.

Monitoring of off road vehicles continues with no recent reports.

The drainage system at the edge of Lords Wood is being investigated as to ownership.

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS (north to the 30mph limit)

Parking near crossroads now improved with local residents now displaying a parking permit.
No reports of second-hand vehicles being sold or parked.

NORTH TO CHAWTON ROUNDABOUT

The ditches along the A32 are still a problem with litter, rubbish and vegetation in them. Reported to HCC. It appears that the onus is still on the land owners to clear. There is some uncertainty on ownership of the RHS side ditches as Chawton estate indicate that their deeds do not show this section of land being owned by them. There are still old/broken signs and rubbish near and on the Chawton roundabout. Although reported several times, no action by HCC or contractors even after the "great A31 rubbish clearance"!

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

Lane will be closed on JULY 14th for 1 day due to Open Reach work.
BT Cables are still hanging down along the edge of the lane in Lords Wood.

An attempt to cut the verges (assumed by HCC) did not resolve the problem of the hedge growth which is making the lane very narrow--- beware !!

The ownership of the various parcels of land associated with Lords Wood is still being investigated.
Apparently planning has visited one site and are allowing certain aspects of the site including sighting of caravans and large metal containers etc. Planning are however requesting a formal application for a new site entrance which was been added; no application seen yet.

SHIRNALL HILL

Drains at Chase view being monitored.

CHURCH ROAD and PARSONAGE CLOSE

Little or no work at Massey's Folly.

THE STREET

The ownership of stank lane was investigated but came to no conclusion at this time. Locally landowners are responsible for side hedges whilst HCC maintains bridleway to 2.5m.

CROWS LANE.

Drainage problem now resolved.

GASTON LANE

Gaston lane (Caker stream bridge) is still **CLOSED** until bridge repaired.
If the planned solar farm application is passed then during the site construction, this lane will become one way with Hall Lane also one way.

HALL LANE

Hedges are growing so be careful when using this lane; some potholes do exist.
Solar farm application for fields adjacent this lane and Gaston lane now are being discussed.

The 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 passable.
HCC Rights of Way did list 6 paths within the parish and were on the cutting list for previous years,
although not a lot of work was carried out.
The council has heard that HCC are no longer engaging local contractors to cut hedges.
Locally there are Ranger volunteers doing this job—we wait for an update.

All hedges and overhanging trees to be cut back from the road, lane edges and those bordering any footpaths and bridleways. Rights of Way may only cut footpaths to 1.50m and bridleways to 2.50m width. We believe that the Byways Open To all Traffic (B.O.A.T)'s are still under HCC control).
Problems can be reported to myself or directly to the Rights Of Way website.

LOWER PLAYING FIELD, PLAY GROUND

The hedge/trees adjoining the A32 are being looked at in terms of height and width reduction.
It is proposed that the zip wire be replaced with suitable new equipment for older children to use
and the other equipment be updated.

COMMUNITY VILLAGE GARDEN

Garden work by volunteers continues.
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 to normal; rising slowly.

Local water table level recorded as 102m AOD on July 6th and is falling.
Water table level reached a maximum this year of 114.2m AOD on 12th March.
Flood alleviation plan by HCC for further work along Lavant stream has been passed.
Meetings at Winchester with the Flood Action Group have now stopped.

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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