

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL MAY 2024

ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

Parish Meetings continue, refer to website and notice boards. <https://farringdonpc.org/>
Next meeting: Parish AGM Tuesday 14TH MAY 2024 @7.00pm in Farringdon 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 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. Hopefully further work will continue 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 unknown.

At present the rising water levels are receding and it is now expected that no properties will be directly affected (other than cellars).

The lower playing field is out of bounds and care should be taken with loose dogs (and children) as water is probably contaminated with algae etc.

LOCAL ROAD/LANE SIGNS

HCC have updated most of the road/lane signs in the village but there are some changes still required especially around the out of date "school" signs--HCC replied with updated costs and this was discussed and agreed upon at the Parish council meeting on the 12th. March.
Since then HCC have declared increased operating costs and we await a final figure but have set a budget of £4k.

ESSO SOUTHAMPTON to LONDON new pipeline.

Locally work has stopped due to ground conditions and will resume when weather permits.

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

Ditches at side of the A32 require clearing and it is also evident that drainage pipes under side roads are still partially blocked.

KITCOMBE LANE

No reports of any problems since the flash flooding.

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS (north to the 30mph limit)

The old telephone box is being re painted and will be completed as weather and conditions permit. Local Parish notice boards will also be refurbished.

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.

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 full with rising water following rising water table. Water flow is impeded by all of the 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 Now passable with caution

Most of the side ditches still require clearance as most are filled with washed down gravel.

Some lane edges at upper part of lane have at last been filled with tarmac.

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.

SHIRNALL HILL

Drains at Chase view reported and have been 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 8-10 months ago. There are signs that 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 by the Parish Council.

THE STREET

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

Stank lane was blocked by large fallen tree, reported to HCC but local residents have cleared.

CROWS LANE

The Parish Council is still looking at a solution to the poor condition of the verges adjacent to Westview Gardens. CIL money being allocated for this project.

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 now **CLOSED** until bridge repaired with HCC engineers having surveyed the site - now deciding a rebuild plan.

HALL LANE

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 passable but muddy. 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

Do not use lower play area by goalmouth as flooded area may be contaminated, Cutting of grass will resume when ground has dried out. The state of the bench here is being discussed at the Parish Council meeting next week.

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 dropping so we assume no more flooding this year

Local water level measured was 115.88m AOD on May 8th and is falling slowly. There have been no further meetings at Winchester since last year when the Flood Action Group updated us on their progress to date and possible work timescales.

To report footpath problems use the Parish Website [Report It - Farringdon Parish Council Hampshire - Farringdon Parish Council Hampshire, Upper Farringdon, Alton \(farringdonpc.org\)](https://www.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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