

FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL - JULY 2024
ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION

It's been a very quiet last two months with little or no local activities.

Parish Meetings continue, refer to website and notice boards. <https://farringdonpc.org/>
Next meeting: Tuesday 9th July 2024 @7.00pm at THE ROYAL OAK FUNCTION ROOM.

Reporting any local issue on road, footpaths etc. can now be done via our updated website ('Report It' Tab). Hopefully the more instances of you reporting a problem will raise the priority of the job!

UPDATE ON FLOOD ALLEVIATION ROAD WORKS - We await the result of the 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.

Please refer to:-

[A32 Farringdon-Chawton flood alleviation scheme | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/road-works/flood-alleviation-scheme)

LOCAL ROAD/LANE SIGNS - HCC have updated most of the road/lane signs in the village but there are still some sign changes which are still under discussion—timescales unknown.

ESSO SOUTHAMPTON to LONDON new pipeline - Locally work has resumed with final ground work next to A32 being nearly completed.

LOCAL ISSUES WITH ROADS AND LANES - 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. AT PRESENT LITTLE OR NO WORK IS NOW SEEN BY HCC.

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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. Responsibility deemed to be with landowners.

KITCOMBE LANE - No reports of any problems.

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS (north to the 30mph limit) - Refurbishment of the old telephone boxes (Defibrillator Housing) and Parish notice board still to be completed – being chased. 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. Hedge by Marelands Field (now owned by the Farringdon Village Hall C.I.O. has been cut). The Parish council have a proposal (for Tuesdays meeting) to replace dead roses in the War Memorial Rose Gardens by the bus shelter, these would be bare rooted and planted around Oct/Nov – Bahnstormers have kindly agreed to water the roses.

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 a problem with 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 - Most of the side ditches still require clearance as most are filled with washed down gravel. 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. Poor verge cutting was reported to HCC but as yet no response. (Please note that signs may go up towards the end of July saying Brightstone Lane is Closed (5 Aug - 14 Aug) this is due to restricting traffic for Boomtown, but local traffic should be fine.

SHIRNALL HILL - Drains at Chase view 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 (Defibrillator Housing). Massey's Folly is still there in the same state as 10-12 months ago, however, there has been some indication that there may be some work about to happen! The building is no longer waterproof so we wait and see if any work starts soon – hopefully! The track by the Church now has Planning permission and work will hopefully commence in September (funding having already been allocated, although there has been an increase in costs due to time delay).

Would all those households with gravel drives in Upper Farringdon please ensure that the gravel does not drift onto the roads as this adds to blockages to street drainage resulting in flooding.

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

CROWS LANE – The Parish Council is still looking at solution to the poor condition of the verges adjacent to Westview Gardens and will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday. CiL money being allocated for part of this project – there has been a big increase in funding needed due to time delay since the initial project began. Parking at corner of Crows Lane and Hall lane has improved with repainting of the double yellow lines.

GASTON LANE - Closed until 8th September (according to map) - Gaston Lane (Caker stream bridge) is still **CLOSED** until bridge repaired with HCC engineers awaiting the manufacture of box culvert units.

HALL LANE - Poor visibility with hedges growing so quickly; one road sign now no longer seen-- beware! 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 getting overgrown but passable. 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 - Lower playing field back in action after Lavant stream rise. Monitoring of the grass cutting is in progress and we may be advising contractors of further requirements. Future work on timber play structures will take place weather permitting. The bench in the MUGA has been repaired and is useable again.

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 (Flood alert has now lifted) - Local water level measured was 110.2m AOD on July 1st and is still falling slowly. There have been no further meetings at Winchester with the Flood Action Group.

To report footpath issues: [Problems on rights of way | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/problems-on-rights-of-way)

PLEASE REPORT ANY ROAD/ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS DIRECTLY TO ME
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Or to any Parish Councillor or via the parish website.