

NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING PACK

This month's updates in **bold**.

7. Village

a) To note any updates on village/parish improvement matters

Flood mitigation in the parish	Ongoing; Cllr McFarling is liaising with Severn Trent and GCC and aims to provide updates monthly
Public Rights of Way in the parish	<p>July 2023: Alec Davis kindly produced v17 of the status report for PROWs in Alvington & some of Woolaston.</p> <p>July 2023: Jeff Wheeler advises of progress on the following issues: FAL17: Met with Network Rail on 13th July to discuss proposals for extinguishing this dead-end Public Footpath to enable the closure of the pedestrian level crossing. Partial Inspection – 200 metres. FAL18: Met with Network Rail on 13th July to discuss proposals for closing a section of this Public Footpath to avoid the level crossing but creating a new section of Public Footpath from FWO117 to rejoin with FAL18 on the flood bank. Partial Inspection – 360 metres.</p> <p>September 2023: Jeff Wheeler advises of progress on the following issues: FAL17 Met with PROW Diversions Officer on site on 19th September to discuss proposals for extinguishing or diverting this dead-end Public Footpath to enable the closure of the pedestrian level crossing. The best solution is to divert the route across the existing farm track crossing and then the issues with a fence and vegetation blocking as well as broken stiles could be overcome. Enquiry Refs – 11418041 (Ongoing) / 11417996 (Ongoing) Partial Inspection – 200 metres</p> <p>FAL18 Met with PROW Diversions Officer on site on 19th September to discuss proposals for closing a section of this Public Footpath to avoid the level crossing but creating a new section of Public Footpath from FWO117 to rejoin with FAL18 on the flood bank. This would also overcome the issue of the high footplates on the stiles at the level crossing. Enquiry Ref – 11410847 (Ongoing) Partial Inspection – 360 metres</p>

10. Highways

b) To receive any updates on Highways matters

Issue	Comments
Clanna / A48 Double yellow lines (originated Nov '19)	Ongoing.
Japanese Knotweed near Sandford Pond	<p>Reported multiple times. Highways works schedule suggests noxious weed treatment takes place Jun-Sept each year. 3 locations: https://w3w.co/spine.wealth.lipstick/ / https://w3w.co/martini.materials.imparts/ / https://w3w.co/simmer.routine.talent Last reported/chased Feb 2023. Reported again by Mr Alec Davis August 2023, ref 11433563. Sept 2023: Cllr McFarling is looking into a shared solution for his ward, offering economy of scale.</p>
Clanna Lane: standing water and blocked culvert by the bridge	Highways officer 19/8: "I met with Nick Powell, the issue is with the debris which have built up along the road edge. I will get the lengthsmen

	<p>gang to scrape these back when I can borrow a JCB from one of our construction gangs.” Some scraping back occurred, in the wrong place. Re-referred to Highways 16/02/23 via a detailed email to Nathan Choat. Response same day confirms Highways are aware and are discussing solutions with the highways flood team, capital drainage team and Severn Trent. Updates promised as and when developments occur. Sept 2023: Highlighted during meeting between Cllr Burlton and Brian Watkins 17/8/23; the culvert has recently been cleared but relocation remains outstanding.</p>
Swan Hill: Poor road surface, multiple potholes	<p>Reported to Highways June 2022, December 2022. Sustainable solution called for Feb 2023 via Highways contacts Ray Waters and Brian Watkins. Highways ref: 11400790 16/2/23: Nathan Choat emailed and said: “I am aware of the condition of the road surface and have asked for a further safety inspection to ensure the area meets the safety manual basic standard, following this I have asked for our structural maintenance team visit site rescore and estimate the cost to resurface this section for refurbishment.” Chased late May 2023 – MH, Nathan Choat replied: “Hi Meg, I do have a cost for the works for resurfacing. Currently I don’t have a firm date for progress. When I do I’ll let you and Chris know.” Sept 2023: Highways have referred to plans to resurface Swan Hill now that some drain-clearing works have taken place.</p>
Court Lane: edge of road surface breaking up.	<p>Reported to Highways Feb 2023. Sept 2023: Highways aware, and urgent repair needed due to exposed pipework.</p>
Malthouse Close entrance: subsidence	<p>A patch of ground is sunken, in which water builds up when rains. Exacerbated by increase in HGVs on Clanna. Reported Feb 2023. Highways officers visited to assess the area in February. On 17th March the area rep replied to say: “I popped down earlier in the week and we have measured up to resurface the section of road entering malthouse close to remove the dip where the water is ponding. This should enable the water to pass by and enter the next road drain.” 1/6/23 Now marked up, works imminent, may be slower if contractors deem road closure necessary. 6/7/23: Works believed to be imminent. Aug 2023: Awaiting confirmation of completion of works. As of 11/9, remains marked up for work but not yet done. October 2023: Works carried out, but water is still pooling in the same location – needs rectifying.</p>
Clanna Road and Garlands Road: pavement surfaces	<p>Potential HLF project? Rough surface reported to Highways Feb 2023. Sept 2023: First phase of Garlands Road pavement refurbishment now in progress, funded by Cllr McFarling’s Highways Local Fund.</p>
Sandford Hill potholes	<p>Reported May 2023. Some filled early July 2023.</p>
Loose manhole covers outside Blacksmiths / Duncastle Court.	<p>Raised at 5/10/23 meeting. Reported Oct 2023.</p>

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