

DECEMBER 2023 MEETING PACK

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

10. 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. Nov 2023: Cllr Chris McFarling advised that the pipework on Swan Hill has been checked, with no issues detected.
Public Rights of Way in the parish	July 2023: Alec Davis kindly produced v17 of the status report for PROWs in Alvington & some of Woolaston . November 2023: Jeff Wheeler advises of progress on the following issues:

13. Highways

b) To receive any updates on Highways matters

Issue	Comments
Clanna / A48 Double yellow lines (originated Nov '19)	Ongoing. Nov 2023: Cllr Chris McFarling advises that this remains in motion.
Japanese Knotweed near Sandford Pond	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.
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 lengthsman 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. Nov 2023: Cllr Chris McFarling advises culvert ditching is planned for December – the parish council notes that this is beneficial but does not solve the issue as described here.
Swan Hill: Poor road surface, multiple potholes	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."

	<p>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.”</p> <p>Sept 2023: Highways have referred to plans to resurface Swan Hill now that some drain-clearing works have taken place.</p> <p>Nov 2023: Cllr Chris McFarling advised that the pipework on Swan Hill has been checked, with no issues detected.</p>
Court Lane: edge of road surface breaking up.	<p>Reported to Highways Feb 2023.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.”</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Aug 2023: Awaiting confirmation of completion of works.</p> <p>As of 11/9, remains marked up for work but not yet done.</p> <p>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>Rough surface reported to Highways Feb 2023.</p> <p>Nov 2023: First phase of Garlands Road pavement refurbishment now complete, funded by Cllr McFarling’s Highways Local Fund.</p>
Sandford Hill potholes	<p>Reported May 2023. Some filled early July 2023.</p> <p>Nov 2023: Cllr Chris McFarling advises this is ongoing.</p>
Loose manhole covers outside Blacksmiths / Duncastle Court.	<p>Raised at 5/10/23 meeting. Reported Oct 2023.</p> <p>Nov 2023: Cllr Chris McFarling advises that safety inspectors due to inspect.</p>

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