

FEBRUARY 2024 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. 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	<p>July 2023: Alec Davis kindly produced v17 of the status report for PROWs in Alvington & some of Woolaston.</p> <p>November 2023: Jeff Wheeler advises of progress on the following issues:</p> <p>FAL14 Responded to planning application P1206/23/LBC on 6th October, stating that I offered no objection as there was seemingly no effect on the Public Footpath.</p> <p>FAL17 Replied to Network Rail on 10th October regards 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.</p> <p>Enquiry Refs – 11418041 (Ongoing) / 11417996 (Ongoing) Partial Inspection – 200 metres</p> <p>FAL18 Replied to Network Rail on 10th October regards proposals for extinguishing a section of this dead-end Public Footpath to enable the closure of the pedestrian level crossing. The best solution appears to be to extinguish the section between the Mickla Bridge and the pedestrian crossing and divert via FWO115 and FWO117 and then divert / extend FWO117 along the flood defence to join with FAL18 on the eastern side of the railway.</p> <p>Enquiry Ref – 11410847 (Ongoing)</p>

10. Highways

b) To receive any updates on Highways matters

Issue	Comments
NEW ENTRY Signage and road lining on A48 to improve road safety.	Dec 2023: Cllr McFarling says: "Signage and road lining Nathan Choat (Highways Area Rep) has met with the improvements team and they are designing a scheme to improve the signing and lining through the village including the crossing with an island. I have attached the changes that we will make when the road is closed. Some of the lining will change locations. This has been prioritised, so we only paint it once. When Nathan has the full scheme he will pass this on."
Clanna / A48 Double yellow lines (originated Nov '19)	Ongoing. Dec 2023: Cllr McFarling advises: "Ongoing consultation has been completed and is now back with the TRO to process."
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

	<p>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	<p>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. Dec 2023: Cllr McFarling advises: "Potential job measured for next financial year to relay a section of tarmac to push water towards ditch"</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. 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. Sept 2023: Highways aware, and urgent repair needed due to exposed pipework.</p>
Malthouse Close entrance: subsidence	<p>Feb 2023: A patch of ground is sunken, in which water builds up when rains. Exacerbated by increase in HGVs on Clanna. October 2023: Works carried out, but water is still pooling in the same location – needs rectifying. December 2023: Highways have instructed the contractor to resolve. Currently no time frame</p>
Clanna Road and Garlands Road: pavement surfaces	<p>Rough surface reported to Highways Feb 2023. Nov 2023: First phase of Garlands Road pavement refurbishment now complete, funded by Cllr McFarling's Highways Local Fund. Dec 2023: Garlands Rd white lines is being chased up. Cllr McFarling suggested using longer-lasting white paint. This may be carried out in 2024's lining plans.</p>
Sandford Hill potholes	<p>Reported May 2023. Some filled early July 2023.</p>

	Nov 2023: Cllr Chris McFarling advises this is ongoing, not currently in the plan for resurfacing.
Loose manhole covers outside Blacksmiths / Duncastle Court.	Raised at 5/10/23 meeting. Reported Oct 2023. Nov 2023: Cllr Chris McFarling advises that safety inspectors due to inspect.
Swan Hill: Soil 'creep' over pavement, narrowing the usable area	Dec 2023: Cllr McFarling advises that this is still awaiting assessment by Highways

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