

## **Councillor Dave Jackson report – February 2024**

The main topic to report this month is to do with Highways. On Tuesday 6th February I had arranged a catch-up meeting with Chris Grain, the OCC Highways "Engagement Officer ". I invited Roger Tyers and Andy Barry too. Chris updated us as to how the recent restructuring of the highways department was evolving.

There were two ongoing issues that I wanted to highlight.

The hidden kerbs down Kiddington Road.

The difficulty of stepping aside when traffic comes down (especially for families with children /pushchair) has been mentioned to me by several folk. Chris is going to see if the appropriate department could bring a mini digger to remove all the compacted soil which is also hiding several drains.

Residential streets where the tarmac is badly crumbling, but not deep enough for pothole filling.

My original enquiry was whether the "Dragon Patcher" could be "booked" to try to do all the streets at once, but it is unfortunately tied up with other pothole work. However, Chris was going to enquire whether the streets could be included in "minor patching" work from the "preventative and reconstruction " team. He asked if I could send a list of the streets.

These are the streets that I believe need attention:

JERVIS CLOSE, DORN CLOSE, KIRBY CLOSE

MARSHALL CRESCENT, ORCHARD WAY.

RECTORY CRESCENT.

MILL LANE (north end)

Andy Barry kindly offered to give me a hand to do a tour of the rest of the village to finish off pothole marking around the Holliers Crescent area, which we did on Wednesday 7th February. All the 40+ potholes we had previously marked have been done.

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