

## **Cllr Jackson report – July 2024**

### **POSSIBLE MEETING WITH CHRIS GRAIN (Highways Officer)**

As I mentioned at the June meeting, Chris suggested he might be able to meet with members of the P.C. sometime this month. I have written back to him to ask if he could pick a suitable day and time. I also asked if he thought it would be a good idea to invite any other councillors from our neighbouring smaller parishes in the Bartons ward. I mentioned the next SBPC meeting and asked if he could find a date/time ASAP so I can let you know.

### **BLOCKED DRAINS**

After recent heavy rain, the drains at the junction of Kiddington Road and Fox Lane are again blocked and the road was completely flooded all the way across for most of the next day.

I was going to do a post on Fix my Street (FMS), when I read a "SuperUser" newsletter, which said that I am now allowed to schedule the action for blocked drains on FMS.

I am also going to stress the need (yet again) to get the kerb clearing team to come and scrape off all the mud/silt/gravel round the drains, which simply washes into the drains as soon as they have been cleared. So I am going to do that before the next meeting.

### **VERGES**

I had two requests from residents a couple of days apart regarding the verges between the village and past the allotments and onwards past Barton House. The resident at Barton House showed me the dangers of them turning into their drive from a westerly direction with cars speeding round the bend, and their visibility obscured by the tall grass on the verge.

Another resident asked if the hedge alongside the pavement from the Cinnamon Stick to Bartongate could be trimmed back. So I did both requests on a FMS post, suggesting they cut all the verge, both sides, not just those locations.

At the same time I reminded them that the awkward pothole just past the allotments on the bend has still not been fixed, despite numerous postings from me and others. I wrote a separate e mail to Chris Grain to ram home the point!!

### **POTHLES and KERBS**

I am hoping during the next spell of settled sunny weather to do another round of SuperUser pothole logging as I have noticed they are re-appearing in the usual places where the tarmac is weak, e.g. Kiddington Road, Mill Lane, Jervis Close. I will do a grand tour including areas in Sandford St Martin. (Nether Worton, Worton and Ledwell have no speed limits, so frustratingly I cannot mark them).

I am also going to schedule action to mend the granite kerbstones at the junction of Frances Road and Worton Road, and any others I discover on my "tour".

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