

Councillor Dave Jackson - October report

Flooding and blocked drains have been an issue of late, but mainly affecting residents in Westcot Barton and Sandford parishes. I ordered more sand and sandbags to be delivered at the end of the Sports and Social Club car park, which duly arrived on September 26th. The bags are nylon/plastic as opposed to hessian, so should not decay as quickly. They don't come with an attached string to tie up (like the hessian ones), so I have put a bundle of cable ties with the bags. I will do a mention in the next Bulletin.

Following on from the helpful meeting that we had with Chris Grain (OCC Engagement Officer), I have requested, yet again, if something can be done with the accumulation of debris/mud down Kiddington Road, and especially at the junction with Fox Lane. Accessing the litter/dog bin is difficult.

Steve Rogers mentioned to me a potentially dangerous manhole cover on the pavement outside 13 Marshall crescent. It had actually been mentioned to me a while ago, but I had forgotten to follow it up. I have marked it with white and yellow paint and put a post on Fix My Street (FMS).

A resident asked me to find out about the lack of a white line and cats eyes on the B4030 on the bend down from Holt. I had asked about this in May 2022 and got a reply then saying "it will be assessed and added to the 2023/24 quotation list".

Chris Grain forwarded my recent enquiry to James Wright, who replied, " It is on our rada , but can't say when it will be done" . I passed on this rather unhelpful reply to the resident.

I managed to get potholes on Hillside Road and Jacobs Yard marked last weekend during a drier spell. On Hillside Road there were actually 29 mainly small holes that I marked, but was able to "cluster" them into 13 reports. I had logged Jacobs Yard as a footpath as the lower end is not accepted by OCC on FMS. It seemed to do the trick (as also happened with The Dock), as all the holes I marked were filled four days later. They seemed to have done a decent job, cutting the edges and lining with bitumen. A couple of residents on Jacobs Yard sent me a message of appreciation, which was kind.