

Cllr Dave Jackson report – June 2025

FLOODING SITE VISIT

I have been working with Paul North, the chair of the Sandford St Martin P.C. to facilitate the proposed site visit along the Dorn (in conjunction with OCC), to look at possible remedial measures. I have just received a message from Amanda Dodsworth (OCC) that a date will be issued shortly. Paul has already sounded out landowners at the upper reaches of The Dorn with positive feedback, and I am going to contact Park farm and Manor Farm (Charles Park) once we have a date. Paul and I also discussed the logical route of our "walk" once we have a date. I have asked if it can be before June 25th as I am on holiday after then.

POTHOLE UPDATE

I did a widespread sweep of the village in May to mark lots of potholes on Marshall Crescent, Hillside Road, Worton Road (car park entrance), Holliers Crescent, Kiddington Road and Church Lane. Once again, the tarmac gangs came out straight away, with even two teams on the same day! I thanked them and noticed they were doing a good job, cutting out the edges and lining with bitumen. One chap said they found it helpful that I number the holes on the road and also added that he sometimes cuts wider than my white line if the tarmac edge would be a bit "crumbly". I thought that was reassuring.

WHITE LINES ON THE B4030

I finally got a message today from Chris Grain (OCC Highways) that they are doing the white lines on the road down from Holt. I haven't had time to go to look before doing this report.

ROAD SWEEPING

I wrote again to Justin Gargan (WODC) after the May SBPC meeting to request some other roads to do which were suggested. Since then, with the help of Bill Oddy (WODC), I have agreed that I will wait until the scheduled work in other areas is done, which hopefully won't be too long. I have suggested that it would be simpler if they did the whole village, and I have requested that I am told when they will be coming so that I can try to alert the village (e. g. Facebook, posters, word of mouth) to ask if possible that cars are not parked at the kerbside. Once the sweeping has been done I will do a gulley survey to mark those which are clogged up.

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