

Cllr Dave Jackson – September report

In my role as a volunteer "super user" I marked and scheduled the action on Fix My Street for 112 loose or missing kerbstones both in Middle Barton and Sandford St Martin. Once again, the contractor started to do the repairs straight away. In most locations it was a few stones, but they also re-aligned a long length of 19 collapsed stones near 22 Holliers Crescent.

I was asked by a resident on the corner of Rectory Crescent to enquire about a replacement street sign. My enquiries told me that usually such a request goes through the parish council, but I was kindly told that the request could go straight to the right person at WODC. They even suggested that we could have two at either side of the junction of Rectory Crescent and Woodway Road.

A resident at 25 Church Lane has asked if a big "Keep Clear" sign could be put on the road at the top of their drive (which serves three houses), to dissuade parents obstructing the drive. This would be identical to the two other markings further up Church Lane. I have entered the request on Fix My Street.

A resident in Mill Lane, overlooking the ford, asked me to find out what is happening about the unsightly temporary red fencing on the footbridge. I messaged Chris Grain, the OCC Highways officer, and he has contacted the bridges team to get an update.

I had a chat with Roger Tyers (Chair SBPC) on various matters, and I suggested that I should ask the WODC road sweeping team to come at half term to sweep certain roads where the drains are critical to prevent flooding of properties. In our parish this includes by school (hence half term) and Kiddington Road / Fox Lane.

The news that the Government has postponed the introduction of Local Government Reorganisation means there will be no "Shadow Unitary" elections next May. It also puts a spanner in the works of my desire to see out the demise of WODC in 2028. I will have to consider my options in due course!

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