

Dave Jackson Report April 2022

I bumped into a resident at 43 Rectory Crescent, Chris McGowan, about a week ago. He asked my advice about a problem that he has been trying to sort out with Cottsway Housing. His garden backs on to the compound of garages accessed from Marshall Crescent. For quite some time it has become an area where people (unknown) dump rubbish. He wanted to find out from Cottsway if it is their responsibility to tidy the area up. I have contacted Cottsway for a site visit and am awaiting a reply.

Mr McGowan also mentioned the boundary wall made of concrete blocks is unsafe. It actually rocks when you shove it.

It was brought to my notice a while ago, that there appears to be a leaking drain at the top of Kiddington road. "Water" appears to be oozing out of the banking and dribbling down the road. At times it is very smelly. I spotted a Thames Water van outside our house a few days ago and mentioned it to them. They gave me a card with contact details, and I will ring them after the Easter break, as there doesn't seem to be an e-mail option to correspond to them.

Bizarrely just after I spoke to them, a big orange X and T W has been painted at the top of Kiddington Road by the A.M. Hall. I am assuming it might be to do with the seeping drain, but I need to get clarification from Thames Water. Hopefully I will get feedback before the SBPC meeting.

The OCC Highways Officer appears to be back in action after his recuperation, he sent me a message on the 13th April, that the Gulley Clearing gang are doing a complete check of all the gullies in The Bartons, sometime next month.

I met with Bill Oddy on 26th March to try to resolve the two issues raised at the last SBPC meeting re litter/dog bins. We managed to come to an agreement about the shop bin, and an extra one up the road near the bus shelter. I reported his suggestion for slightly moving the bin on the path from Dorn Close, but there were still concerns. The SBPC clerk, Annette kindly offered to get back to Bill Oddy about the concerns as I was struck down with Covid and feeling pretty grotty at the time.