

**WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
FLOOD MANAGEMENT REPORT MEETING
THURSDAY 10th March 2016**

PRESENT: Gary Sumner, Joe Smith, Donna Stalker and Dave Hayward (Wanborough Parish Council), Sally Inskip, Ayde Goodenough and Chris Hinton (Wanborough Anti Flood Group), Richard Bennett (Swindon Borough Council), Norman Cambray (resident from The Marsh), Mike Mombrun (Environment Agency), Huw Thomas, Ian Balding (Thames Water), Angela Raymond (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies: Tim Price (Swindon Borough Council),

2. Update on SBC's Flood Mitigation Project on Kite Hill, High Street and Wanborough Road.

Richard Bennett provided a brief update and confirmed there is due to be an onsite meeting with the contractors at 11am the same morning. Steven Sanders will be able to provide a more detailed update after this meeting.

Richard Bennett confirmed that there have been some delays in the project which now means it is unlikely to be finished until the end of April 2016. For example there has been a delay at the top part of Kite Hill where they have found other utilities where the pipe needs to go.

The drainage work on Rotten Row is 90% complete. Clerk asked why, if most of the work has been completed on Rotten Row, the water still pooling on the road as the new grips that have been installed are slightly higher than the level of the road. *ACTION Richard Bennett to look into this and report back*

Joe Smith requested that Parish Council be involved in the end of project meeting with the contractors to ensure everything is sorted, especially making good all areas that have been dug up, including the compound area at Hooper's Field etc. *ACTION Richard Bennett to arrange this.*

3. Ducksbridge Development

Plans received from Ducksbridge developer show the proposed offsite drainage work, plus work along Green Lane. Gary Sumner confirmed that the only area not included within the plan is the proposed re-instatement of the verge along Burycroft.

Main points from the plans:-

- At either end of Green Lane, there is a proposal to landscape areas with grass which should look nice, but on a practical level, this is where people

park and it also allows additional space at The Marsh end for vehicles to pass.

- Concern was raised about other ditches past Sharpes Farm that haven't been cleared.
- The size of the pipe and culvert next to Sally Inskip's property was discussed and Richard Bennett confirmed that he felt the capacity of 2 x 225mm pipes would be the same as a 1 x 300mm pipe.

4. Ditch clearance along The Marsh/Burycroft

Following on from the previous agenda item, with the additional work being carried out as part of the Ducksbridge off site drainage work there is concern that other drains and ditches have not been cleared along The Marsh.

Richard Bennett confirmed that he will be carrying out further investigation work along The Marsh, and hopefully there will be further funding to sort out these outstanding areas. Joe Smith confirmed that he would be happy to meet with him as he has quite a lot of knowledge about the problems in the area. *ACTION Richard Bennett to arrange meeting onsite to discuss outstanding drainage at The Marsh via Clerk*

Chris Hinton asked what is being done to prevent the water all ending up at her property. Donna Stalker stated that the ditches are all cleared by her property, however she is unable to hold all the water. The ditches from the Lyden Brook and the Lyden Brook itself need to be sorted. A discussion took place about the capacity of the Lyden Brook. Mike Mombrun confirmed that due to the rural location of the Lyden Brook, it will be classed as low risk, so therefore there is no planned maintenance for the Lyden Brook. Mike Mombrun confirmed that landowners are responsible for clearing the Brook where it runs through their land, however enforcement is difficult as SBC have no powers for enforcement, plus landowners need to apply for a licence from the EA to allow them to carry out any work on the Brook.

Dave Hayward asked if the installation of the new Pumping Station at Moorleaze, which could be susceptible to flooding would help increase the status in getting something done on the Lyden Brook. Huw Thomas stated that the pumping station is flood neutral and therefore will not increase the flood issue within the area. Mike Mombrun confirmed that this would not make a difference.

5. Green Lane

This has already been discussed as part of the Ducksbridge application.

6. Stanley Close Development

The outstanding drainage work at Stanley Close is now being dealt with by Planning Enforcement. Richard Bennett confirmed that Janet Busby (SBC Planning) is due to meet with Taylor Wimpey and will update Parish Council after that meeting.

Concern was raised about whether what is being proposed will actually work. Richard Bennett confirmed that he was not involved in the original plans for this scheme but is concerned about the additional water from Church Road being directed down this ditch and what impact it will have further down the hill.

Dave Hayward asked whether Church Road is another area that should be investigated. He stated that this is something that was highlighted within the Flood Report and maybe if water can be stopped at this point it might help further down. *ACTION Richard Bennett will ask if this is something that SBC can look at.*

7. New Eastern Villages

SBC Flood management strategy

Richard Bennett confirmed that he is currently looking at all the feedback from the consultation of SBC's Flood Management Strategy with the aim of producing a revised document.

Water and Waste capacity

A discussion took place about the water capacity available to serve the NEV. Huw Thomas confirmed that the pipe that is currently being installed is solely for the purpose of supplying water to the current houses within Swindon and there is no additional capacity for the NEV.

Gary Sumner asked what is being done to plan for the additional water supply to serve the NEV and what will Thames Water need to do to meet this requirement. Huw Thomas confirmed that the developers would need to discuss their requirements with Thames Water. He also confirmed that a new pipe from Blunsdon would need to be installed to supply water to the NEV and the timescale for this would be years. Huw Thomas confirmed that there isn't so much of a problem with waste as they currently have some capacity available.

Gary Sumner asked if Thames Water could supply details of the current status for all the current applications that have been submitted for the NEV, i.e. The Hub, Rowborough, Lotmead and Redlands. *ACTION Huw Thomas to provide Parish Council with details of the current status for water supply for the NEV live planning applications*

8. Any other business

Sally Inskip asked if there is any plan in place for Thames Water to close The Marsh while the new water pipe is being installed, as it will need to go across the road. Clerk confirmed that she had received a road closure notification for a period of six months, but the actual closure is due to only last 2 days so at the moment it is not known when then two day closure will be within the six month period.

A discussion took place about possible new drainage covers for waste drains to provide a seal to prevent water getting into sewage drains resulting in them overflowing. Thames Water confirmed that this is something that can be done. If Parish Council can provide a plan stating which drainage covers would benefit this then Thames Water will look into it. *ACTION Parish Council/ Thames Water*

Ayde Goodenough raised two points in relation to the Canal. However it was agreed that the point raised are nothing to do with the flood committee and should be raised separately.

Meeting closed at 11.45am