

**WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL  
FLOOD MANAGEMENT REPORT MEETING  
THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**PRESENT:** Gary Sumner, and Dave Hayward (Wanborough Parish Council), Ayde Goodenough (Wilts & Berks Canal Trust & Wanborough Anti Flood Group), Ian Balding (Thames Water), Tim Price (Swindon Borough Council), Chris Hinton, Sally Inskip, (residents from Burycroft/The Marsh & Wanborough Anti Flood Group), John Shirreff (resident from the Marsh) Boni Azeh (Environment Agency)

1. Apologies: Huw Thomas (Thames Water), Simon Masters (Swindon Borough Council), Joe Smith, Donna Stalker, Andrew Bennett (Wanborough Parish Council), Carl Collins.

2. ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MEETING

Stanley Close

- Thames Water to confirm that the sewage pipes in Wanborough can cope with the additional dwellings at Stanley Close.

Ian Balding (Thames Water) provided details from an assessment carried out by Thames Water confirming that the sewage pipes are adequate for the extra dwellings at Stanley Close.

- Parish Council to contact Janet Busby to discuss the culvert and pipe next to 2 The Beanlands.

Clerk confirmed that Janet Busby is satisfied that with the proposed off site drainage improvements as part of the Stanley Close development there should be less water reaching the culvert at 2 The Beanlands, which should solve this problem.

Eastern Villages

- Parish Council to contact Phil Smith (SBC) to find out details on the Water Strategy Cycle.

Gary Sumner confirmed that Parish Council have now received this document. Further discussion on the Eastern Villages will be covered later on the agenda.

The Marsh/Burycroft

- The blocked culvert next to 4 Burycroft

Tim Price (SBC) confirmed that this has been done.

### Horpit/Burycroft Junction

Gary Sumner confirmed that at the meeting with Sarah Stebbing from the Woodland Trust she confirmed that the Woodland Trust had already set their budget for the coming year and were unable to add to clearance of the ditches. Gary Sumner confirmed that he will arrange to meet with her again to ensure something is allocated in the 2016 budget.

**ACTION** – *Gary Sumner to meet with Sarah Stebbing (Woodland Trust) to discuss clearance of the ditches. Dave Hayward agreed to open contact with Sarah Stebbing.*

### Wanborough Road

- Simon Masters (SBC) to keep Parish Council up to date with the progress of the flood mitigation works.

Tim Price confirmed that the bid to the Environment Agency has been delayed until 23<sup>rd</sup> July; if successful it is hoped the work will be carried out in the summer of 2015. Gary Sumner confirmed that the resurfacing work planned for Wanborough Road can't wait for a further year. Tim Price confirmed that they will carry out patching on the worse areas of Wanborough Road as an interim measure.

**ACTION** *Clerk to contact SBC requesting that the resurfacing work for Wanborough Road be carried out, stating reasons why it can't be delayed for a further year.*

### Chapel Lane

- SBC to confirm who is responsible for the ditch and culvert.

Tim Price (SBC) confirmed that it is not on their system therefore not their responsibility. Dave Hayward confirmed that the water flows down the road into the drain at the bottom of Chapel Lane, which has now been repaired so the fact that the water misses the ditch/culvert isn't a huge problem now that the drain is working. It was agreed that as the ditch and culvert are there it would be good idea to ensure it works properly.

**ACTION** *Clerk to carry out a Land Registry search to find out ownership*

### 3. The Marsh & Burycroft – Feedback from on site meetings

Gary Sumner confirmed that Parish Council and SBC met with Mr Yendell on site, and all his ditches seem to be flowing ok. Sally Inskip confirmed that the problem now seems to be with the ditches owned by Mr Pethick. She stated that Simon

Masters (SBC) has confirmed to her that if the ditches owned by Mr Pethick are cleared out they will then be able to put in a larger culvert which will hopefully solve some of the flood problems.

Parish Council have also sent letters to Mr Huzzey requesting an onsite meeting to discuss his ditches, however Parish Council have not received a reply; SBC agreed to follow this up.

**ACTION** Clerk to send a letter to Mr Pethick to arrange an onsite meeting with him

**ACTION** Clerk to forward copies of letter to Mr Huzzey to Tim Price (SBC) to that he can follow this up.

Sally Inskip asked if anything further had been heard on the Ducksbridge planning application. Gary Sumner confirmed that it had not received anything further on this application.

#### 4. Update – Onsite meeting for the Lyden Brook from Moorleaze Farm to the crossing to the Liden Lagoon.

Discussion took place about the maintenance of the Lyden Brook. Boni Azeh (Environment Agency) confirmed that there is no planned maintenance for 2013/14, and the programme of maintenance for 2014/15 is currently being considered. Gary Sumner asked whether the Lyden Brook had been put forward for consideration for 2014/15. Boni Azeh confirmed that watercourse maintenance is prioritised by level of risk; the Lyden Brook has a low level of risk. Gary Sumner confirmed that the residents of Moorleaze Farm had to pump water away from their house again this year to prevent them from flooding. Tim Price (SBC) confirmed that it is also the landowner's responsibility to clear watercourses that run through their land; they will need to apply for a licence from the Environment Agency.

**ACTION** Boni Azeh (Environment Agency) to confirm what level of risk the Lyden Brook is categorised under, and therefore how often will it be maintained by the Environment Agency and how it fits within their 10 year programme. Boni Azeh also to confirm the owner's riparian responsibility for the Lyden Brook.

Gary Sumner referred to a newspaper article in which it states that the Dorcan Brook has recently received 300k to improve flood defences for Covingham. Tim Price (SBC) confirmed that SBC have recently received money to improve flooding issues, but this is for the whole Borough, therefore the money will be used across a number of small schemes for the whole of Swindon not just at Covingham.

#### 5. Warneage Wood footbridge

Gary Sumner confirmed that a resident had recently received a letter in relation to the replacement of a footbridge; the proposed date to do this would be when the area is quite wet.

**ACTION** *Tim Price (SBC) to follow this up.*

#### 6. Eastern Villages proposed developments

A discussion took place about ensuring there is a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment carried out for the whole of the Eastern Village development site and not just parcels of land for individual sites. SBC need to ensure this is happening. Environment Agency confirmed that for the Eastern Villages they will be a statutory consultee and confirmed that they will only encourage development within zone 1 on their flood risk assessment.

**ACTION** *Parish Council to formally write to SBC to request a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the whole area rather than individual sites.*

Ayde Goodenough raised the issue of water supply for the Eastern Villages. At the last meeting Thames Water confirmed that there was enough water supply, however at the recent Examination in Public it was clearly stated that there was not enough water supply to cope with the proposed development. Ian Balding (Thames Water) confirmed that he was not able to answer this question, but will find out and let everybody know. Ayde Goodenough also confirmed that he had that morning spoken to Mr Fox (EiP Inspector) who confirmed that he was still undecided as to what to do about the issue of water supply.

**ACTION** *Ian Balding (Thames Water) to update Parish Council on the issue of water supply to the Eastern Villages.*

#### 7. Any other business

Dave Hayward confirmed that he still has concerns about the drainage system not being able to cope with the additional houses at Stanley Close. He suggested that it might be a good idea to invite a representative from SBC Planning along to future meetings as there seem to be a considerable number of issues that relate to Planning. Tim Price (SBC) confirmed that there isn't a flood specialist within the Planning Department; for all applications where there may be flooding issues to be considered they will be forwarded to his department who do have the expertise to help and make comments.

Gary Sumner asked when the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy will be agreed by SBC. Tim Price (SBC) confirmed that it will be going to cabinet for approval on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014.

Meeting closed at 11.35am.