

Bloxham Parish Council

Flooding Working Group

Arranged by Bloxham Parish Council
at Jubilee Hall on Monday 10 February 2025 at 7.00pm

Present: Neil Hegarty Chair (BPC), David Bunn (BPC), Nick Rayner (BPC), John Lloyd (Emergency Planning Support), Sarah Reay (Resident) Tom Smith (Bloxham Feoffees), David Green (Resident), Jerry Wood (Resident) and Tim Seton (Bloxham School).

Apologies: Keiron Mallon (County Councilor) and Richard Farmer (Resident)

No	Action or Note	Owner
1	<p>Update on Actions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda was agreed. Neil also told the meeting he had taken over from David as Chair. • Following a discussion on sandbags it was agreed that research would be carried out to find the best options. These would then be made available for residents to purchase direct from the supplier as part of their actions to take responsibility for their properties. It was also agreed that due to the speed at which the flood waters rose they would need to be stored at any 'At Risk' properties for rapid deployment. • From the feedback following the last flood it was estimated that c25 houses were flooded. However, several people who had been flooded did not want to register this fact and are not included. 	NLR
2	<p>Review of BPC Emergency Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the availability of potential safe places in the event of a flood shortlisted several options to be explored and prioritised. Key holders contact details to be obtained as part of the validation and suitability process. 	JL
3	<p>Updates from County Council & Highways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update had been received from KM so TG was asked to chase him again. • The Drain Clearance programme had targeted key areas however there is no agreed ongoing schedule or frequency of clearance agreed. • A Blue Dye test for the surface run off, drains gullies and connections at the junction of Courtington Lane is due to be carried out by Bloxham School over the half term break. • Drains and roadside gullies on Courtington Lane and Tadmarton Road are due to be swept and cleaned but vehicles need to move from the curbside to allow this to happen. Sarah said she was happy to work with the Comms team to make this happen once dates are agreed. • For clarity, Sweeping is the responsibility of OCC, Drains belong to CDC. • The Regulation 19 Report into the flooding; its root causes and impacts are due to be reported on in March April. • DB Confirmed no S106 monies are available for Flood works. 	TG Info TS NH/SR Info

4	<p>Environment Agency Update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A walk with the EA Reps confirmed that following the Brook being cleared last year no further work is required. However, the water pipes in the 3 bridges under the road cause a dam effect backing up water and overflowing to the road in very heavy rain conditions. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that the Brochure on Riparian Responsibilities for landowners and residents should be recirculated and included in future Flood Comms. • The EA Rep pointed out that there was a small buildup of silt close to the Little Bridge Road bridge. It was agreed to approach a local contractor to see if he could help with his Mini digger. 	TG/NH TS/DG
5	<p>Thames Water Update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to Send a FOI Question to TW asking When the main pipes were installed in the village, and where they went to in terms of connectivity (e.g. High Street, Courtington Lane, Tadmarton Road etc). 	TG
6	<p>Stop The Flow” Presentation from Jerry Wood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee received a presentation regarding what actions could be taken to help “Slow the Flow” of water from heavy downpours and help reduce or prevent flooding in the future. These are (by and large) long term actions but are hugely effective as the various case studies showed. It was agreed to do some further investigation into the NFP and look at what might be possible 	
7	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was requested the Flood Mary web site details be circulated again to residents and included in the Flood Comms. • Further details from the discussion between Mary Long Dhonau OBE (Flood Nary) and RF to be updated at the next meeting. • Confirmation that the Miller Homes Pumps (Bottom of Tadmarton Road estate) are working effectively to pump and abnormal water to the attenuation ponds in the Country Park to be checked with the Management Committee. 	TG/NH RF TG