



# Loxwood Parish Council

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## **LOXWOOD PARISH COUNCIL FLOOD FORUM Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**Attendees:** Graham Purvis (Southern Water); Malcolm Frost Ifold resident; residents who are members of the Loxwood flood forum. Loxwood Parish Councillor Tony Collings; Beverley Weddell, Alfold Parish Council Clerk.

Chairman of the meeting: Vice Chairman of Loxwood Parish Council, Roger Newman.

Clerk: Jane Bromley, Clerk, Loxwood Parish Council

1. **Apologies.** Dominic Henly CDC, Kevin Macknay WSCC; Chichester District Councillors Nick Thomas and Denise Knightley; Andy Townsend EA.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**

**Discussion surrounding Action Points:**

BW spoke concerning the possibility of using the Sidney Wood section of the Wey and Arun Canal section for attenuation and this was being looked into.

Thames Water are tanking the sewerage from the Alfold Pumping Station to try to alleviate the problem and excessive surface water causing the pumping station to fail. Thames Water, SCC and WBC along with the Parish Council of Alfold have had meetings to try to co-ordinate to sort out the surface water problems and this is progressing. Albeit surface water is not the responsibility of Thames Water they see it as an alternative solution to sorting out the pumping station problem which is more cost effective than up grading the pumping station.

BW confirmed that the Ifold and Plaistow ditch walk still needs to be carried out and residents are being urged to come forward should they have any drainage issues.

3. **Environmental Agency Business Case- Progress report by AT**

A meeting would be arranged with AT to get an update on the funding situation.

4. **Recent Flooding Experiences. Update. Oak Grove flooding referred to Kevin Macknay. Alfold Bars report from Cllr Loxton.**

Residents present at the meeting had not experienced any flooding issues over the last week of very high rainfall but it was thought Loxwood had escaped the severe rainfall which seemed to be localised.

RN had not heard from Kevin Macknay with regard to Oak Grove and other matters for action he had accepted and a later meeting would be arranged with him and also Andy Townsend of the EA to go over these action points.

KM: Loxwood Hall lake use for attenuation; The re-piping by WSCC at the side of the road running north of North Hall; Widening of ditch near Farm Close and clearing Culvert under canal.

GP confirmed that an inundation study had been carried out for the whole area Alfold Loxwood and Ifold and Plaistow and that the resulting Rehabilitation Plan should be available to the public and he would send a copy to the Parish Council.

**ACTION GP (SW)** He confirmed that now the study had been done and the report of the solution was available it would be put into the capital projects scheme to be considered for funding. The severity of the problem the numbers affected and the cost of the solution were the factors affecting whether or not funding would become available in the near or long term.

5. **Operation Watershed Funding. Brewhurst Mill area.** A resident spoke about this area and that he was in discussion with the EA regarding the flooding in the area. The Parish Council would be interested in the outcome of the discussions as it may be that Operation watershed could provide funding for any works that needed to be carried out to improve the area which may possibly benefit the whole village. This area was not covered by the Tony Clothier modelling.

6. **Any other business.**

TC spoke about the technical solution which had been arrived at by Southern Water with regard to the sewerage connection for the Nursery Site. The solution being a drip feed from a 900mm pipe into the main pipe network. TC informed GP that the PC had written three times to Southern Water for an explanation of the technical solution and had had no response. The third letter had been sent to the CEO of Southern Water. GP was to take away the complaint and get a colleague to respond.

**ACTION GP**

RN had established that Flood Re was now in operation and refunds on previous premiums were not available.

GP thought it might be helpful if at the next meeting he brought along a Southern Water representative who dealt with responses to Planning Applications. This was to be put on the agenda. **ACTION JB**

7. **Next meeting Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 10.30 am Mursell Room, North Hall.**