



Loxwood Parish Council

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NOTES of LOXWOOD PARISH COUNCIL FLOOD Meeting 10.30am 26th January 2018, Mursell Room, North Hall.

Attendees: Andy Townsend (Environment Agency). Kevin Macknay (WSCC). Loxwood Parish Councillors: Tony Colling (Chair); Chris Agar; Roger Newman. Peter Winney North Hall Trustee. Clerk: Jane Bromley, Clerk, Loxwood Parish Council

- 1. Recap on position to date.** TC reiterated the current position and that now a local solution needed to be found as central government funding was not to be forthcoming. This meeting was designed to find a way forward.
- 2. Alleviation pond at North Hall – Feasibility.**

The Clerk was to contact Tony Clothier to see if a written report to accompany the slides of his model could be sent. **ACTION Clerk**

PW would like to see the model re worked for a 1 in 30 event not just a 1 in 100 event as he wanted to assess whether there would be any benefit of an alleviation pond at North Hall for a less traumatic event.

PW was of the opinion that increasing flow and capacity would cost too much or cause too much trouble to action but an attenuation pond was the most realistically feasible.

TC believed that some remedial work on the stream could be achieved.

It was agreed that a meeting with Tony Clothier from Water Environment should be arranged and paid for by the Parish Council to discuss his model further and to request further studies re attenuation and removal of 90 degree bends. **ACTION Clerk**

KM felt there might be some mileage in using the sluice at Loxwood Hall combined with the attenuation pond at North Hall to produce a bigger impact.
- 3. Longlist of mitigation measures and circulated documents.**

The group went through those long list measures which scored 2 or higher for effectiveness to reduce flooding.

Item 32. flooding on the B2133, action already taken by WSCC to relay surface drains and footpath raised at North Hall to act as dam

Item 24. stream North of Station Road. WA opinion to be sought concerning the effectiveness of widening the stream.

Item 16. WSCC to follow up surface water issues at Oak Grove.

Items 17,18. Oak Grove southern end. EA to check split culvert as one side is blocked to ensure that sufficient flow for flood event. B2133 culvert may be the restricting factor.

Item 11. Culvert in Pond Close considered wide enough.

Item 23. There is no evidence that houses in Glebelands have been flooded. No action

Item 25 and 26. Size of culvert at Station Road and high level overflow pipe. Not considered cost effective at present time to widen culvert as its effect on flooding upstream is not known. Suggest other actions done first and effects noted on this culvert size.

Items 9 and 10. Field South of Merryhills Lane. Land owner written to by both LPC and CDC with no response. Recommendation that enforcement action to be taken. WSCC Highways to investigate if the drain under the road is silted up. Ditch on south west corner needs clearing.

Item 33. Burley Close . Suggestion to bund these properties at greatest risk of flooding. Most likely solution would be to remove the 90 degree bends immediately upstream and smooth the flow by not causing a restriction. Investigation required with landowner to consider possible actions.

Items 2,3,12, 20, 30 covered by actions detailed below.

The EA is responsible for keeping the culverts under roadways clear.

A Riparian awareness campaign was discussed for the autumn. **ACTION Clerk**

TC was to draft a letter pointing out riparian duties and the need to keep the stream clear of debris and this would be sent to all those affected in the parish. **ACTION TC**

Both TC and PW agreed that a comprehensive survey of the Loxwood Stream from Station Road to North Hall needed to be carried out to document its variability of its width and depth, bends and obstructions etc.

ACTION TC and PW

4. **Funding issues.** Completed questionnaire evidence and Tony Clothier modelling, will help support funding requests. Operation Watershed is extending funding availability for the next five years at £300K a year.
5. **Resident questionnaire.** WSCC and EA logos to be on the questionnaire and the PC would also suggest changes to the introduction of the questionnaire. The PC to draft a covering letter bringing residents who are in the parish flood plain up to date on the work done so far including pointing out riparian responsibilities and request for access to private gardens . **ACTION TC**
EA are to review and amend the personal Information privacy statement and “sharing” details on the questionnaire to limit the amount of detail about what is shared with whom and why. **ACTION AT**
6. **Any other business.**
Invite Tony Clothier Water Environment for a meeting date to be confirmed. **ACTION Clerk**
Update the Flood Forum as to the current position. **ACTION Clerk**