

Notes of meeting 8th July 2016 – FLOOD FORUM

Those present: Roger Newman (Chairman) Andy Townsend Environmental Agency; Kevin Macknay WSCC; Tony Colling, LPC and members of the Resident Flood Forum.

AT explained where he was with his business case:

A business cost ratio (BCR) of over one had arisen as a result of the first level of assessment for funding. As a result Loxwood was part of a package of 7 communities where a consultant Mott MacDonald have been hired to appraise the case and build a plan for a solution to apply for the next level of funding from DEFRA.

Asked what the community could do towards this AT explained that he required the back ground data to Tony Clothier's report, the Water Environment Consultant who had already modelled the Lox Stream. In addition he felt that Mott MacDonald would require local knowledge which the community could contribute in due course. Finally to do all we could to raise funds towards the project should it progress to the final stage.

Sources of local funding were discussed: CIL, PWLB and precept in conjunction with Plaistow and Ifold.

A resident asked if the utility providers would contribute AT confirmed if it benefited their infrastructure then they would be asked to contribute.

The Clerk to circulate the electronic copy of the business strategic case to the Flood Forum. Any questions or queries that result from the business case should be sent to the clerk for consolidation and onwards transmission to AT. **ACTION Clerk**

South of Station Rd

The ownership of the field was currently unknown but the ditches required clearing. Part of Farm Close backed onto this field and it may be possible to access the ditch from the Farm Close Field. The work to be investigated and may be possible to apply for Operation Watershed funding for the ditch clearance. **ACTION RN/Clerk**

KM –WSCC:

Pipework in front of North Hall- Funding was confirmed and this would go ahead in the autumn. Discussion with contractor have not yet taken place to be able to confirm where the pipe will be laid.

Size of Culvert under Canal. There was some doubt as to whether this culvert was large enough to cope with the volume it received. KM thought this was something Mott MacDonald would look at.

Oak Close. Now the water had subsided a little it would be possible to look at this from the stream end of the system to ascertain if there was a blockage and what work was need. **ACTION KM**

Drain South of Station Road. A resident confirmed this drain was blocked and KM undertook to investigate. **ACTION KM**

Loxwood Hall Lake. A suggestion of increasing the height of the banks to enable the leak to hold more water. It was thought this would create problems further upstream. Mott MacDonald may look at a use for the lake in the overall system.

Residents were to be enlightened to the fact that if their surface drainage did not go into the sewerage system then they are able to claim a reduction in the water bill charges. **ACTION Clerk and IFOLD Clerk**.

Brewhurst Mill Ponds

If on private land it was felt that the dredging of the ponds would not qualify for Operation Watershed funding.