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Flood & Emergency Group Meeting

Wednesday 20th March 2024

4:30pm at The Committee Room, The Village Centre, St Mary Bourne

Present from FEG: Dave Burlison(DB), Clem Jones(CJ), Ed Makgill(EM), Maxine Owen(MO), Dave Peart(DP).

Apologies from: Patrick Foote (PF)

Update

Update from EM & DB from an impromptu meeting the day before with Floyd Cooper (SW/FC) from Southern Water.

The overpump sewer to sewer at the BVI had recently been removed by a Southern Water operative in error, so would be reinstated. SW/FC advised that they were looking to try and shorten the run between the traffic lights to improve flow of traffic in that area.

EM & DB again requested an update of the Infiltration Reduction Plan(IRP) which should include what had been done in the interim. It was agreed at this FEG meeting that a formal request should be made for this updated IRP. It was suggested that the FEG could contact HCC's Cllr Thacker and request he checks whether any permits have been requested from Highways that would imply there IS planned work from SW in the parish this summer/dry season.

It was agreed that Kit Malthouse should be prompted to help the FEG get to the correct people and put pressure on to get the up to date IRP.

ACTION: Write to Kit Malthouse to ask for support – **DB**

Pathfinder Project at Kimpton

It was agreed by the FEG that an update on the results so far from the Pathfinder Project at Kimpton should be requested from SW/FC. The FEG members appreciate that they will not be final results, but if there have been successes/failures in the medium term this could be helpful information for our catchment.

ACTION: Liaise with Sarah Cooney for introduction to Janet Wright - **DB**

ACTION: Follow up with Janet Wright of Pan Parish Forum for her opinion on the project's progress and impact on residents- **DB**

Almshouse Pump

EM had been contacted by the secretary for the Almshouses to say that the pump in the gardens there managed by SW was now generating electricity bills of £2000. Instead of activating twice a day as normal, it could now be activating every 15 minutes to pump sewage along the system. EM advised that they contact SW directly.

Flow Management Solutions

EM & DB have been advised by SW that SW have commissioned a survey by Flow Management Solutions to look at the wastewater system in the Parish. FEG to note email address of contact in Flow Management Solutions (Jason Watts) to obtain a copy of the report from their survey once done. (Email: JW@flowmanagementsolutions.co.uk)

Village Centre tankering

This is continuing in the village centre in SMB. There was a discussion about how this may/may not be improving things for Applegate area.

ACTION: Contact Jez Ahl to find out if there was an impact/improvement since the tankering in SMB Village Centre had started. – **DB**

Pan-Parish Forum

It was discussed whether a Pan-Parish approach to the problems might help get action on our situation. It was agreed that although it would be a good forum for sharing information and experience, the specific issues in one parish may differ slightly from another parishes issues, so the issues could possibly get overlooked or dilutes in one place over the other.

ACTION: Respond to email from Longparish – **EM**

Southern Water Drop-in Day in Totton

DB and CJ advised that they planned to attend the Drop-In at Totton being run by Southern Water to enable them to meet certain SW contacts face to face, and discuss the issues in St Mary Bourne Parish.

ACTION: Update at next meeting – **DB & CJ**

Flood Barrier at Spring Hill Lodge

EM?DB? advised that he had heard that the family living at Spring Hill Lodge were thinking that they may well build a permanent flood defence around that property, as they were concerned that the currently constructed temporary defence might not be made available in future years as the Environment Agency (EA) were planning on building a new channel for the rivulet, which would in future alleviate the need for the barrier. It was agreed that the FEG should get in touch with the EA directly and find out what their plans and timescales are.

ACTION: Contact EA for information on new channel and future plans - **EM**