

CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL FLOODING WORKING GROUP

Notes of a meeting held on 15th December 2008 in The Old Schoolroom, Charlton.

Present:

Cllr Ted Grazier (Chair)
Cllr Brian Browne
Roger Davies
Bob Holloway
Derek Arnold
Mike Wood

Apologies:

Cllr Mrs Freddie Jack

1. **Actions from minutes of meeting on 25th September 2008:**

Item 11 – WDC response to 6 points raised (Steve Jordan's e-mail of 14 October)

- **Village Flood Warning System** – agreed that a telephone tree for Charlton could be set up. Telephone numbers, mobile numbers and e-mail addresses (where available) of properties at risk to be obtained. BH
WDC communication to village to be arranged. BBB
Weather information can be an input EG
- **Lengthsman.** Steve Jordan did not see proposed Flood Warden as providing regular Merry Brook inspection. Parish Council to consider giving this duty to existing lengthsman. Legal aspect to be checked, and EA consulted. BBB
- **Brook Lane Drains**
- WCC Highways to be asked to review road gulley provision in:
 - The Bight (no gulley between bungalows and bend to Top Street
 - Canada Bank (no gulley from Old Chapel to The Green) PC
- **Cemetery Bridge sill weir**

As WDC has no knowledge of this, WCC Highways to be approached as to the purpose of the sill, and it's effect on flood risk. BBB
- **Overtopping of bridges in high water conditions**

WDC has no history of this. Brook Lane bridge overtopped at peak of water on 13th December 2008

(photos showing imminent overtopping of Brook Lane bridge had been sent to Tony Jones (WDC) and Toby Willis (EA))

2. **EA Drop-In Session 27th November.**

The EA proposed 3 Pond Scheme was supported by all. Rob Miller (EA) at the Drop-In encouraged us to write to prospective funders in support of the scheme. These were West

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Midlands Regional Flood Defence Committee (WCC Cllr John Smith), WCC, WDC, Peter Luff MP.

Parish Council, Charlton Flooding Action Group, and individual residents to be asked to write in support, preferably by early January as WMRFDC meets then. PC, CFAG

3. Further EA maintenance work

Silt had been removed from under Canada Bank bridge and Brook Lane bridge. Members were concerned that the Merry Brook some 10m downstream of Brook Lane bridge as far as Canada Bank bridge was still restricted. Toby Willis (EA) to be asked to look at this section. BBB

The recent high water levels on 13th December, whilst after only 30mm of rain in the 12 hours between 11pm 12th December and 11 am 13th December, caused pooling in Brook Lane, and some water entered the garage of "Glenbrook", immediately north-east of the bridge. Toby Willis (EA) to be advised. BBB

Some members were still concerned about the footbridge on The Green. Photographs taken by Chris Perks were to be sent to Alan Kingston (WCC Public Rights of Way) BBB

4. Any Other Business The Green

The boundary stones between the unmade service road and the grass were considered unsatisfactory and the Parish Council was asked to consider a revised arrangement. PC

5. Future Meetings

WDC Flood Update meeting on 19th January.

WMRFDC are understood to have a pre-meeting on 7th January, and the full meeting on 14th January.

The PCFWG could meet on 22Jan or 29 Jan. Actual date to be advised.

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