

CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL FLOODING WORKING GROUP

Notes of a meeting held on 29th January 2009 in The Old Schoolroom, Charlton.

Present:

Cllr Brian Browne (in the Chair)
Roger Davies
Derek Arnold
Mike Wood
Roger Gurney (Clerk to Charlton PC)

Apologies:

Cllr Ted Grazier
Cllr Mrs Freddie Jack
Bob Holloway

1. Actions from minutes of meeting on 15th December 2008:

These were circulated prior to the meeting

- **Village Flood Warning System** – this is being pursued. Telephone numbers, mobile numbers and e-mail addresses (where available) of properties at risk to be obtained. BH/BBB
Weather information can be an input (Cllr Grazier takes daily readings) EG

- **Lengthsman.** WDC unlikely to be interested. Parish Lengthsman works only 4 hours each week, so unable to help on a frequent basis, but may do it 3 monthly. Suggested that this should be responsibility of the EA and riparian owners. Would EA fund this and for the floodwatch to be from Jubilee Bridge? BBB

- **Brook Lane Drains**
WCC Highways to be chased to inspected lack of gullies at :
 The Bight (no gully between bungalows and bend to Top Street
 Canada Bank (no gully from Old Chapel to The Green) PC

- **Overtopping of bridges in high water conditions**
No response to photos sent. Currently there are blockages between
11 The Hollies and Canada Bank PC

2. PC response to urgent matters

The PC will respond as quickly as possible to any urgent matter, so this should not be a problem.

3. Report of Meeting with WDC on 19th January 2009

Notes were circulated at the meeting. Main comments are that the Charlton scheme will be reconsidered at the September meeting and wide public support needs to be shown. WDC able to offer up to £5,000 grants for flood alleviation schemes to each affected

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parish. WCC should be approached for additional funding (otherwise Brook Lane bridge replacement). EA will need to know land ownership upstream of the village and a map of the catchment area. WDC has spent some £62,000 in preparing the scheme in 2002.

4. Local Fund Raising

This would have to be done by Flood Committee (FC) as PC can only raise money through the precept.

FC

5. Land Ownership Identification

Cllr Grazier has information on this.

PC/EG

6. Issues for EA meeting on 9th February 2009

As well as details of the scheme and how it will be progressed, the matters of Regular Maintenance and use of a Lengthsman need to be raised.

7. Next Meeting

After 9th February meeting; To be advised.

BBB/RDG 2nd February 2009