

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2019

ITEM No: 9 - Update Report of the Flooding Advisory Committee

1. Introduction:

- i) The last report to Council was made to the 12th March 2019 Council meeting following receipt of the December 2018 issue of the draft Hampshire County Council (HCC) report Flood Risk and Coastal Defence Report for Copythorne.
- ii) The report referred to at i) above was issued by HCC in its role as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), taking over completely the role that was previously the responsibility of the New Forest District Council (NFDC).
- iii) There has been no change to the responsibility that the Environment Agency has in regards to watercourses defined as main rivers.
- iv) The report to the 12th March 2019 Council meeting included a full copy of the initial response to the HCC report prepared by the (then) Flooding Working Group at its meeting on 25th January 2019 which comprised:
 - A list of questions that the Group would like HCC to respond to. It was hoped that the commentary before each question would assist HCC in understanding the reason for the question being submitted to them.
 - A copy of the Bartley Flood Relief Scheme.
 - Condensed details of the slide presentation given at the Council's APM on 14th March 2015.
- v) HCC responded on 22nd February 2019 and requested a meeting "for us to work together to build on the draft report that we circulated previously".

2. Recommendation adopted at 12th March 2019 Council meeting:

The Council resolved:

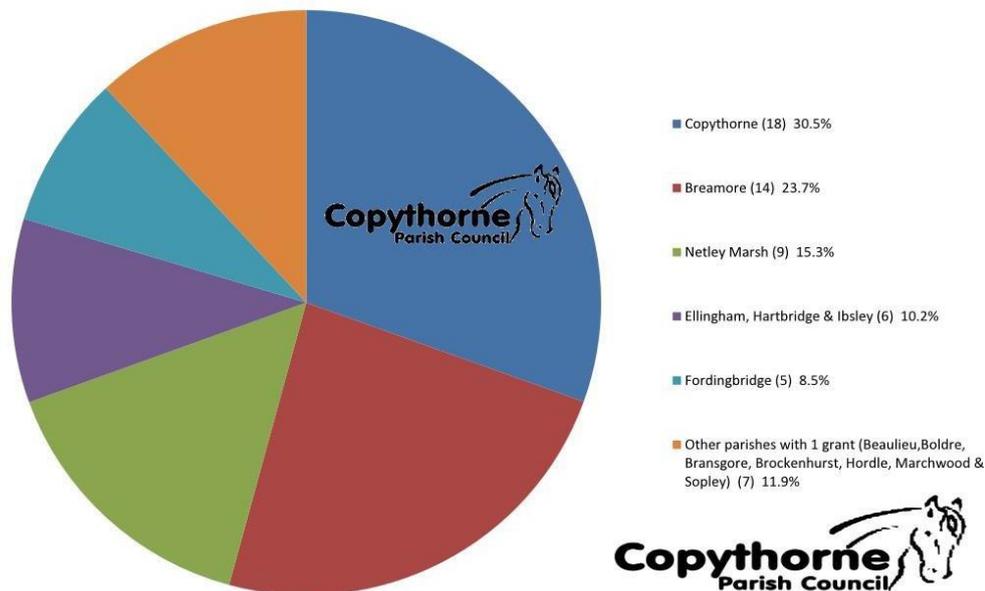
1. To publish the draft 2018 HCC flood report on the Parish website to enable this report to be understood in context.
2. To request the Flooding Working Group prepare an update to the current Village Flood Plan for adoption by the Parish Council. This was one of the "next steps" identified in Section 5 (page 19) of the HCC draft flood report.
3. To continue dialogue with HCC to ensure that their historic records and understanding of the flooding risks in the Parish of Copythorne are more comprehensively understood and documented.
4. To discuss with HCC the removal of highway related issues from being considered flood related issues so that they can be dealt with more expeditiously and efficiently.

3. Current Update:

- i) Shortly after the 2018 HCC flood report was published on the Council's website following enquiries from a Parish resident, HCC requested that it was removed from our website as it was only a draft document. The report was removed from display on our website.
- ii) The Flooding Advisory Committee (FAC) has commenced working on a revised Parish Flood Plan and will present a draft to the 11th February 2020 Council meeting.

- iii) A meeting was held with representatives of HCC on Tuesday 23rd April and Bartley Village and Winsor Road areas were visited.
- iv) An updated Flood Risk and Coastal Defence Report for Copythorne Village dated October 2019 has been received by the Council and was discussed at the FAC meeting on 14th November 2019. Notes of this meeting have already been circulated to all councillors for their information.
- v) Unfortunately, as this latest report is still factually inaccurate in that it does not acknowledge the properties that were flooded in 2013-14, this fact being evidenced by the award of government grant payments, further comment on the report had been deferred until this information has been obtained and reviewed by HCC.
- vi) Details of correspondence sent and received in January 2016 related to the Government's R&R flood grant awards has been sent to HCC, together with the following pie chart to assist them in collating this information.

Flood Grants awarded in New Forest District Council Area (Christmas 2013/New Year 2014)



- vii) HCC has acknowledged these details and it has been agreed that the FAC will provide further feedback on the report to aid progress.
- viii) The FAC has programmed its next meeting for Thursday 9th January 2020 but hope to be able to progress comments on this latest report before this meeting.

4. Copythorne Parish Council – Parish Flood Plan:

- i) The Copythorne Parish Council: Village Flood Plan was produced in 2004 and updated in 2011.
- ii) The Copythorne Parish Council Flood Plan is being prepared using the earlier document as a template.

5. Recommendation:

The Council receives and acknowledges this update report.

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