

# NOTES OF MEETING - FLOODING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FAC)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 4.00pm

Held at: Baltimore, Chinham Road, Bartley, SO40 2LF

Attendees: John Goodwin (Chairman), Lady Kara Hawks, Sylvia Wiggins, Graham Chillcott, and as an observer, David Rigby

## 1. Welcome any apologies for absence

Sylvia and David were especially welcomed. Sylvia as a new member of the committee and David not just as an observer but also as an expected useful contributor.

## 2. Confirmation of outcome of Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The FAC proposals for its ToR, together with Sylvia joining the FAC were unanimously agreed by the Council.

## 3. Initial review of HCC's latest (September 2019) Copythorne Village Report

This report was the update of the report, dated December 2018, that was basically withdraw to be amended following comments made following its receipt by the Council. A considerable time was spent on this "overview" of the report, covering:

- The report's author Jemima Phipps is to be chased on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November for a reply to the letter sent on 11<sup>th</sup> November – **copy of letter appended. Action -John**
- A comparison between the December 2018 and September 2019 Executive Summary indicated the following changes to the latest report;
  - The sentence: "The focus has been on Pollards Moor Road, Winsor Road and the land adjacent", added to 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point.
  - The sentence: "A separate report is being produced for the village of Bartley in the ward of Copythorne South", added to 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point.
  - The word "limited" has been changed to "historic" at the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point.
  - The last bullet point has now been moved into "The purpose of this report"
- A comparison between the December 2018 and Sept 2019 "The purpose of this report" indicates the following changes;
  - The purpose "Communicate these outcomes to the local community having reviewed the most up to date information" has now been omitted.
  - The word "affordable" has been added to the purpose: "Identify potential **affordable** engineering and non-engineering options that could reduce, or better manage, flood risk in the area."

Clarification on the reasons and thinking behind both these changes will be sought from HCC. **Action -John**

- Therefore, clarification of the latest method of communicating the information to be clarified from Jemima Phipps at HCC. **Action -John**
- Outline details of flood grants awarded within the whole of the NFDC area, following the 2013-14 Christmas/New Year storms, to be sent to Jemima Phipps to assist her investigations together with the relevant minute from 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Parish Council meeting. **Details shown on appended sheet. Action -John**
- An attempt to geographically define initially Copythorne Village and then all the six villages within the Parish was agreed. This information could have other applications on Council initiatives, for instance the Village Design Statements (VDS). The Royal Mail-Postal Address Book as well as the Register of Electors could both be of assistance. **Action – David/Graham**

- It was noted that the report made no mention of the Pumping Station, located at the Pollards Moor Road/Romsey Road junction, which it is believed was not operating correctly during the 2013-14 flooding. Available information to be located.

**Action -John**

- It was confirmed that the numbering on Figure 7 "Site visit to Copythorne" on page 14 of the report are explained in detail under section 3 "Site Assessment" starting on page 12.

#### **4. Initial ideas for revision to the Copythorne Parish Flood Plan**

Note: Immediately following the meeting John was able to locate the latest Copythorne Parish Council – Village Flood Plan – dated 2011. This was circulated to all in a word format which is therefore capable of being updated/amended.

Following this circulation David has commented:

*From this document, the Flooding Advisory Committee has a template that it can use for dealing with Responsibility 1 from your Terms of Reference, "Preparing a new Copythorne Parish Flood Plan and submitting it to the Council for adoption".*

On this basis any comments would be appreciated for the 2020 edition!

An attempt will be made to identify and reinstate "unavailable" links.

**Action -John**

#### **5. Local Flooding Issues to be considered, if any**

As there were no immediate issues it was agreed to move this forward to the next meeting.

#### **6. Review of committee's work against Terms of Reference**

Responsibility 3: A start on the flooding Information page on the website is to be commenced.

**Action - David**

Responsibility 8: A schedule of works for the Parish Lengthsman is to be prepared by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November for consideration at the 10<sup>th</sup> December Council meeting.

**Action -John**

Responsibility 9: David said he would be looking into preparing a consenting form that covers other areas as well as flooding information.

**Action - David**

#### **7. Reporting to Council – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 meeting**

A report will be prepared for the Council meeting updating members mainly on the progress, or lack of progress, with the team at HCC. To be made available to Clerk by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Updates on actions shown, where appropriate, will also to be reported.

**Action -John**

#### **8. Date of next meeting and proposed agenda items**

Proposed as Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 2pm at Baltimore, Chinham Road, Bartley.

Proposed agenda items

- Update on action points noted above
- Progress on HCC Flood Report
- Draft Parish Flood Plan, and
- Update/Consideration of Local Flooding Issues

Report possibly to be presented to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Council meeting.

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## **Flooding Advisory Committee - Appendix to notes of meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

### **Item 3: Comment to HCC on report; dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Subject: Copythorne Village Flood Report**

**From:** John Goodwin **Sent:** 11 November 2019 13:09 **To:** Jemima Phipps, HCC

**Cc:** David Rigby Clerk CPC, Kara Hawks, Sylvia Wiggins, Graham Chillcott

Hi Jemima

As you know I am Chairman of the Copythorne Parish Council Flooding Advisory Committee and I have been passed a copy of your latest - September 2019 - Flood Risk and Coastal Defence Investigation Report for the village of Copythorne which I have circulated to all members of this committee for consideration at our next meeting.

This report is, unfortunately, still factually inaccurate in that it does not acknowledge the properties that were flooded in 2013 -14 and, as a consequence, received government grant payments. One property in Pollards Moor Road had to be abandoned as it was flooded on Christmas Eve 2013 and the family never returned as this was the second time it had happened to them in a matter of a few years.

Until this factual inaccuracy is corrected by your authority it seems inappropriate to make any further comments on your report.

There is a meeting of the Flooding Advisory Committee programmed for this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November and I would welcome any advice or guidance you can offer in relation to the revision of our Parish wide flood plan which will be being considered.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards, John

### **Item 3: Outline details of Flood Grant awards within NFDC administrative area**

**RE: Flood Grants in NFDC & Copythorne Parish**

**From:** John Goodwin

**Sent:** 25 January 2016

**To:** Matt Callaghan

Hi Matt,

It was good at last to meet you in person.

As discussed, it would be most helpful if you could confirm that the following details are factually correct and can be reported, initially, to the Parish Council, of which I am Chairman, at our meeting tomorrow evening.

All this is related to the 2013-14 Christmas/New Year storms: -

1. The number of "approved" flood grant applications, in the New Forest District area was 45, and comprised both single properties and community {multiple properties} applications.
2. The actual number of properties, in the New Forest District area, that benefited from flood grants were 60.
3. The number of properties in the Parish of Copythorne that benefited from flood grants was 20.
4. To your knowledge there has been no reported internal property flooding following the heavy rainfall on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016. This being the heaviest rainfall incident since the 2013-14 Christmas/New Year storms.

Whilst not discussed are you able to confirm the total amount of grant paid with the NFDC area and also, within the Parish of Copythorne.

Cheers, John

**From: Matt Callaghan NFDC**

**Sent: Mon 25/01/2016 16:41**

**To: John Goodwin**

Hello John

See responses below.

- 1) The number of applications made in total was 45. Of these 2 were rejected and one withdrew having been approved prior to funds being paid
- 2) The total number of properties benefiting from the scheme (those being awarded money) was 60
- 3) The number of premises provided with flood grants in Copythorne Parish was 19 (17 grants awarded in total)
- 4) To my knowledge, no property in receipt of the R&R Grant has since flooded. Of those visited, the majority have said that the measures installed have prevented further flooding from occurring.

I'm afraid that I cannot provide the financials of grants awarded although the vast majority were at the £5000 per premises limit

Regards, Matt Callaghan Business Development Officer, NFDC

### **Item 3: Abstract from approved Copythorne Parish Council minutes: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Parish Council Chairman, Councillor John Goodwin raised the matter of flooding in the Parish whereby it has been confirmed by NFDC officers that the most number of flood resilience grants issued to any Parish or Town Council in the NFDC administrative area, comprising 37 councils, have been to residents in the Parish of Copythorne. Therefore, he concluded, on the objective basis of grants awarded following the flooding at Christmas 2013/ New Year 2014, residents of Copythorne Parish Council are the most prone to internal property flooding.

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