

## **Copythorne Parish Council Meeting – November 10th 2020**

### **Item 11 – Review of Flooding AC meeting with Vicki Westall (HCC Flood & Water Management Team) on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Report on the Event held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to discuss the DRAFT Copythorne Village – Flood Risk and Coastal Defence Investigation Report (Revision 2 June 2020) and Associated Site Visits.

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#### **Programme for the Event**

- Arrive Copythorne Parish Hall (CPH) 10:00
- Introductions 10:02
- Brief discussion on the HCC Copythorne Flooding Report 10:05
- Site Visits 10:30 -11:45
- Wash up 11:45
- Depart 12:00

#### **Attendees:-**

Cllr. Graham Chillcott (GC) chair of Flooding Advisory Committee (“FAC”)

Cllr. John Goodwin (JG)

Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins (SW)

David Rigby Clerk and RFO to Copythorne Parish Council (DR)

Vicki Westall HCC Flood and Water Management Co-ordinator (VW)

Apologies received from Cllr. Lady Kara Hawks

#### **Brief discussion on Flooding Report**

It was agreed to use the Executive Summary, Potential Actions and Next Steps lists as a basis for the discussion. Following the discussion, VW agreed to investigate progress on all the Potential Actions and the Next Steps listed in the report. It was noted that the production of a separate Bartley Flooding report mentioned in the Executive Summary would probably not happen due to funding constraints. JG enquired about the possibility of having a Flood Risk Assessment for the Copythorne village area (see attached plan).

#### **Site Visits**

The route taken was down Pollards Moor Road, Newbridge Road, Romsey Road, Southampton Road, Old Lyndhurst Road and then back along Pollards Moor Road. The idea being to visit sites specifically mentioned in the Flooding Report and also sites that had seen recent surface water flooding. During the site visits, notes and photographs were made by VW and DR of all the sites where flooding had occurred in the past and recent past.

Of particular note were the numbers of blocked and partially blocked ditches and pipes, seen on the way round. There were a number of gullies and drains seen that were also blocked or partially blocked.

Of note, HCC Highways had inserted gullies/channels to alleviate local roadside flooding from the highway into roadside ditches.

It also emerged during the walkabout that there may well be a local misunderstanding of who is responsible for keeping the ditches in good repair. This is probably due to them having been previously kept clear by HCC Highways. A particular incident recorded on Facebook concerning Newbridge Road is being looked into by DR and VW.

### **Wash up**

A brief wash up was held on the front lawn of the CPH :-

- VW to ask if HCC will write to all residents about their Riparian responsibilities.
- FAC to review the 2020 Copythorne Flooding Action Plan with a view to including additional information on who to contact during an emergency.
- FAC to work with HCC/NFDC to identify a suitable location within the Parish where – in the event of a declared flooding emergency – sandbags could be collected from.
- JG suggested that if funding permitted a mini-study be undertaken into the recent flooding that occurred in Old Romsey Road.
- If possible include an article on Riparian responsibilities in the October Parish Newsletter.
- VW agreed to contact DR with updates in 3 to 4 weeks.

### **Way ahead**

GC suggests that all the items raised above should be discussed and debated at the next FAC meeting or before if necessary, being brought before the full Council.

The exception being for GC to see if mention can be made of Riparian responsibilities in the October Parish Newsletter.

**Initial draft prepared by Cllr. Graham Chillcott - September 11<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Final version approved by Flooding AC – October 28<sup>th</sup> 2020**

