

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 13TH 2021

Item 11 - Report on the recently published Copythorne Village Flood Investigation Report and the request for approval by the Council on the suggested way ahead

Introduction

Following the publication of the Copythorne Village Flood Investigation Report (“CVFR”) by the HCC Flood & Water Management Team (“F&WMT”) in May 2021 and it’s subsequent debate by the Flooding Advisory Committee (“FAC”), my report to Council seeks approval to proceed with the recommendations shown below.

Background

After considerable delay, the CVFR was finally published in May 2021. Although the FAC knew that the CVFR contained some inaccuracies, it was felt that it was better to get the CVFR published and then seek to have the inaccuracies corrected, rather than wait any longer.

Prior to the July Council meeting, I asked our Clerk to provide all members with hard copies of the CVFR for their perusal.

The FAC debated at its meeting on June 24th 2021 its response to the CVFR and as a result agreed to bring the existence of the CVFR to the notice of the Members and then seek their approval of the following recommendations:

Recommendations

1. Confirm that Cllr. Graham Chillcott is to compile a list of suspected inaccuracies and then share these with the Council, before asking the Clerk to submit the list to the F&WMT.
2. Ask our Clerk to write to the F&WMT to ask that they expedite the publication of the Bartley Flood Investigation report. This Report is the sister report to the CVFR and as the name suggests will cover those parts of the Parish which fall within the “Bartley Water” catchment area.

Cllr Graham Chillcott
June 24th 2021