

Flood Committee Meeting - Notes from meeting 3rd Feb 2021

Present: Tony Jackson (TJ), Chair, Robin Waters (RW), Richard Allen (RA), Nick Irish (NI), John Molyneux (JM)

- 1 **Apologies** - None.
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - Notes circulate only 30 mins before meeting – RW apologised!
- 3 **Matters arising if not covered elsewhere.** RA had made no progress with contacting the Hub and Neighbourhood Watch in HG currently has no village coordinator. Afternote: RW discussion with former NW coordinator agreed that Hub was almost certainly more appropriate given the need to identify ‘vulnerable’ individuals and the constraints of GDPR legislation.
- 4 **Members views as to what should and should not be included in Flood Plan.**
Discussion about need to assess flood risk at a more detailed level than the EA pixelated maps which then required categorisation of flood events.
Table (below) shows possible events and presumed likelihood with areas likely to be affected. Agreed difficult to go beyond EA maps which are publicly accessible.
Agreed that a leaflet could be provided for all households to include customised elements of CCC chart; all emergency contact details, possibly EA map; and copy of (or reference to) EA advice on personal/private flood plans and preparation.
Agreed that refuges might sensibly be the Pavilion and the School but that reading room and parish centre while having good facilities were in more vulnerable locations and lacked parking and ease of access.
- 5 **Consideration of plans/maps to incorporate in Flood Plan.**
EA flood risk maps can be sourced from the web but perhaps need conflating with a clear street map with readable text. RW to prototype.
- 6 **EA Personal Flood Plan template. Should we incorporate or circulate?**
TJ to draft/customise. Aqua Sacs and other equivalent ‘self inflating sandbags’ can be bought for between £4.50 and £6 each – and can be stored and transported very easily compared to the conventional version.
- 7 **Any other Business**
JM agreed to source relevant Bedford material.
- 8 **Next meeting** – It was agreed to avoid half term and will now be held on 23rd Feb @ 20.00
Afternote: this meeting cancelled and now to be scheduled for March – still before next PC meeting on 8th March

| Event | Likelihood | Severity | Parish Response | Areas |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| Catastrophic failure of flood bank/wall | Very, very low | Very High, very fast | Warnings to evacuate? Inform EA, CCC, etc. | Whole built-up area of parish |
| Overtopping of defences | Very low | Very High but slower | Help to vulnerable. Open refuges. | Gradual build up to whole area from areas closest to flood bank? |
| Filbert's Walk pump fail | Low | High but slower | Notification of properties likely to be affected. Ensure back up available - EA | Victoria Terrace & parts of London Rd and Hemingford Rd |
| Pluvial flooding | Often | Nuisance | Pressure to maintain drainage on CCC | Well known road areas |
| Sewage overflows or pump failure | Often | High | Pressure to get long term fix from Anglian Water | Well known roads/properties |
| Non flood events e.g. heavy snow, fire, blocked roads | Very low | | Temp Diversion routes/refuges/ | Roads and properties, localised |