

## **Flood Committee Meeting - Notes from meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2021**

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

1 Apologies: Cllr Richard Allen

2 Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed

3 Matters arising if not covered by items below:

Report from RW on responses received by the PC from Anglian Water (see PC minutes for 8<sup>th</sup> March) and HDC (RW meeting with Matt Chadley, Head of Ops later this week)  
Agreed that TJ should receive correspondence between resident and Anglian Water over several years and draft suitable response. **RW & TJ**

4 Views on how to create a robust emergency communication system.

Discussion on sub-division of the residential areas, the recruitment of wardens for each area and the best means of communication in different scenarios. Provision of maps – see below. Agreed to prioritise areas likely to be most at risk as evidenced by recent events. Victoria Terrace, bottom of Mill/Meadow Lanes & Meadow Close for fluvial flooding; Glebe Rd (East), The Apple Orchard and adjacent parts of St Ives Rd and High Street for surface water and foul water flooding. JM confirmed that Bedford used EA flood maps for planning. RW reported that Neighbourhood Watch could not currently resource flood warden capability and RA had not yet reported back on contacts with the Hub. NI agreed to make contact with the YES estate residents association. **NI**  
Agreed that we should start with priority areas above to define boundaries and find suitable wardens. Also encourage all residents to sign up to EA alerts/warnings if they feel it necessary.

5 Use of telephone and other electronic communication systems to issue warnings and updates

Agreed that use should be made of telephone for wardens and social media (Facebook?) for broadcast alerts/warnings.

6 Consideration of plans/maps to incorporate in Flood Plan.

RW to source suitable maps and data for the definition of areas and for communications. A version of the EA Flood Map for Planning would be the most suitable starting point with an underlying street map. **RW**

7 Any other business

JM reported that EA has promised to investigate leaking penstock at the bottom of Meadow Lane and repair in FY2021/22

Agreed that **TJ** would circulate draft responses to EA (and potentially HDC) for comment.

8 Next Meeting

Agreed to be on 30<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm by Zoom