




Wilton Town Council

Wilton Flood Group

Meeting Notes and Actions

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Meeting held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, KINGSBURY SQUARE, WILTON** on **FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY, 2020 at 10.30am**

Present:

CLlr Ivan Seviour (Mayor)
CLlr Andy Kinsey (Deputy Mayor)
CLlr Pauline Church (Chair)
CLlr Peter Edge (Flood Warden)

CLlr Lee Glyde
Anthony Brown-Hovelt (Flood Warden)
Rachel Ashton-Brown (Flood Warden)
Steve Milton (Town Clerk)

WTC = Wilton Town Council WC = Wiltshire Council HE = Highways England
EA = Environment Agency WE = Wilton Estate GRS = Grovely Riding Centre

Issue	Action	Who	Progress
<p>1. Flood Barrier: Crow Lane SM reported that the EA team had been on site on 20/2 to review the installation of the flood barrier. The barrier was reconfigured and will remain in place until flood risks recede. Water level had reached above 7' on the depth gauge at Naish Felts Bridge on 21/2 and was lapping over the bank. The Group considered that the best long-term solution would be to build a 75cm wall along the river bank in this location. Plans had been produced by the EA as part of the Wilton funding package that had included the Castle Meadow bund. The Group considered that these issues should be de-coupled, given that there had been no flooding in Castle Meadow. The Group noted that funding for the wall may be possible through the development at Naish Felts with possible conditions imposed on development.</p>	<p>That the EA be requested to release funding for the wall at Crow Lane. This has long been identified as a high risk area and work is now urgently required.</p>	<p>EA</p>	
<p>2. Vulnerable Residents – North Street A B-H reported that he had issued Floodsax™ to two residents in the North Street area.</p>	<p>No further action required</p>	<p>WTC</p>	
<p>3. Willow Trees in Wylve River Channel A B-H reported that a number of willow trees had established in the Wylve River channel at Riverside, these could obstruct flow and add to current flood risks. Land owned by WC.</p>	<p>WC be asked to remove the trees and tree stumps from the River channel.</p>	<p>WC</p>	

4.	Obstruction at Wylde Bridge, North Street Crow Lane A B-H reported that utility cables were hanging underneath the bridge and these could snag debris from up-stream causing a flood risk.	EA be asked to attend to the obstruction at the Wylde Bridge.	EA	
5.	Bridge at Co-op Store A-B H reported a buddleia growing from the bridge.	WC be asked to remove the buddleia bush.	WC	
6.	Overflow Ditch – Naish Felts Bridge/Crow Lane A B-H reported that the overflow channel had not been cleaned of plant growth.	That Naish Felts Ltd be asked to clear the ditch	WTC	
7.	Communications A B-H suggested that information be sent to New Valley News advising affected householders of measure they can take to protect against flooding.	That the Clerk send a press release with advice leaflet to NVN for publication.	WTC	
8.	WhatsApp It was suggested that members of the Flood Group and other emergency volunteers should have a WhatsApp Group to facilitate communications.	That a WhatsApp Group be set up.	WTC	
9.	A30 Shaftesbury Road (lower section) - Nadder - Wylde. R A-B reported on longstanding issues with surface water drainage. PC advised 'Phase 1' has been completed (clearance of the highway surface water drainage culvert through 23 St John's Square, exiting into the River Wylde by C&O Tractors).	A meeting to discuss 'Phase 2' plans is being arranged PC, R A-B, Danny Everett & David Button.	RA-B/PC	
10.	Wishford / Elizabeth / Philip / Olivier Roads. R A-B reported on various surface water drainage issues impacting on Water Ditchampton from this hillside estate	To be discussed at the planned PC, R A-B, Danny Everett & David Button meeting.	RA-B/PC	
11.	Water Ditchampton rear drainage channel. R A-B reported on high silt levels affecting highway surface water drainage & also general drainage from the wider Water Ditchampton area. The rear drainage channel runs through the back gardens of 16 or so riparian landowners. EA advise method statements required before permission granted to dig to original ditch depth.	a) Dig out Side ditch next to Grovely Riding School GRS (EA permission not required) b) Waterditchampton riparian ditch dig out	WE/GRS WTC/ WC/EA	
12.	Grovely Downs Silt and Water Run-Off R A-B reported that additional works were required (and possibly a further catchment pond) to ameliorate the run-off and silt issues around the Grovely Riding Centre. R A-B reported silt build up in the catchment pond and suggested an additional catchment pond should be created. The grip in the paths was also overwhelmed by the current heavy rainfall and it was considered that a second grip may help reduce run-off into Wishford Road and the ditches at Waterditchampton.	a) Catchment pond at the top of The Hollows track – dig out b) Installation of 2nd grip in Grovely Wood c) Installation of 2nd catchment pond d) Hollows Track – silt run off – slow the water flow.	WE WE WE WC	

	e) Hollows Track – silt run off between 33 & 45 Waterditchampton.	WE/GRS
	f) Access track to horse fields silt run off between 43&45 Waterditchampton	WE/GRS
	g) Hillside management	WE/GRS
13. River Wylde / Butcher Stream overflow into the (isolated) Water Ditchampton rear drainage channel.		
Butcher Stream is described as a high level, carrier river. R A-B confirmed that historical reports by local residents & Cllr Batchelder are correct - during high river levels, Butcher Stream does overflow into Grovely Riding Centre's far horse field & then into the Water Ditchampton drainage channel. This is via an eroded point in the riverbank by the Salisbury - Warminster railway line. Concerns that the impact on water levels & highway drainage in Water Ditchampton, potentially increases flood risk.	R A-B to provide photo evidence from Butcher Stream overflows on 20/12/19 - 5/1/20 & 17/2/20 - ongoing, for review by relevant agencies.	R A-B
14. Flouse Hole Ditch and Culvert		
R A-B reported that the ditch in Flouse Hole played an important part in the effective drainage of this part of Waterditchampton, it was vital that the ditch is kept clear.	That Wilton Estate (Riparian Owners) be reminded of the need for this waterway to be maintained in late summer/early autumn each year.	WE
15. Shaftesbury Road and St Johns Square		
Councillor Church reported that works to reconnect/improve outfalls had been completed.	To note	N/A
16. North Street		
Councillor Church reported:		
a) that the service strike to the road gully pipe crossing re No 47, has been repaired with the missing section of pipe (previously removed by SGN) now replaced and all reinstated as operational. Efforts will be made to recover the costs of these works from SGN.		
b) The “slow running” gully at the corner of Russell Street and under the church yard wall is still to be investigated fully and rectified. It’s suspected that roots from the old yew trees in the churchyard are effecting that and the carrier drain running south to north alongside the church yard wall as well. This will be subject to excavation once a road closure of North Street can be arranged.	Councillor Church will pursue these matters via Wiltshire Council.	N/A
c) The sink hole over an old pipe near the cross roads junction and Paloma Lily, was found to be a redundant drainage pipe and therefore sealed and back filled.		

17. West Street	Councillor Church reported that the investigation of collapsed carrier drains (caused by multiple utility strikes (SGN and BT) have been rectified between the betting shop and church on the south side and outside of the pet shop on the north side; however permanent re-instatement works have yet to follow.	To note	N/A
18. Minster Street	Councillor Church reported:		
	a) Works to gullies outside of Coffee Darling, etc. have been largely completed to make the apparatus secure in the carriageway, however some further reinstatement works are still to take place.		
	b) Drainage of highway surface water away from all the drains/gullies on the Pembroke Arms end of Minster Street (including from Four Corners eastwards) is still compromised by impeded flow within adjacent Wilton Estate parkland. Investigations of this have been partially undertaken, but a fall in surface and ground water levels is now required in the piped system before further progress can be made with investigation and ultimately rectification.	To note	N/A
19. Drain Clearance A30 – Hingston’s Antiques	As well as the blocked slot drain on Hingston's front pavement, R A-B reported that the A30 highway gully by Hingston's car park needs properly emptying - WC ref. 797670, reported September 2016. Apparently gully tanker needs traffic management, but was missed in 2019 works. WC aware.	That WC be requested to clear the slot drain and empty the gully at Hingston’s Car Park.	WC
20. Burdens’ Ball and Sheep Fair Field	A B-H reported that water was flowing from the Sheep Fair Field down the farm track at Burdens’ Ball and into King Street. Carriageway drains had not been cleared sufficiently in this area to allow flow to the adjoining fields and as a consequence there were large puddles forming on the carriageway and pavement.		
		a) WC be asked to consider diverting water flow run off from Burdens’ Ball / Sheep Fair Field in this area to prevent carriageway flooding	WC
		b) A36 road and path sweeper to keep debris out of drainage system – HE	HE
21. The Wilton Civil Emergency Plan	The Group considered the draft flood element of the Wilton Civil Emergency Plan. Subject to the removal of statutory responsibilities, the plan was endorsed by the Group.	That the Council be requested to adopt the Wilton Flood Action Plan, subject to inclusion of a list of critical drainage ditches and gullies – with maintenance programme.	WTC



22. **Resourcing Resilience**

SM reported on the need to recruit trained volunteers to assist in times of emergency – whether that is flood, snow, pandemic, drought, fuel shortages, etc. Bradford on Avon had an active emergency volunteer group and it was decided to invite them to come and talk to the Group.

Invite the Bradford on Avon Community Emergency Volunteers to speak at a future meeting.

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23. **Next Meeting**

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Friday 24th April at 10am

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