

NORMANDY PARISH COUNCIL – FLOOD FORUM

There will be a meeting of Normandy Parish Council Flood Forum on

FRIDAY 18^h SEPTEMBER 2015

at Emmanuel Church Hall, Glaziers Lane, Normandy, GU3 2DT commencing at
1220 hours

AGENDA

1	WELCOME The Chairman of the Flood Forum, Jonathan Lord MP, to welcome all those present.
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Members to confirm and the Chairman to sign as a true record the minutes of the last Flood Forum meeting held on 20 Mar 15.
4	<u>Pipe Under Railway</u> a. At the 20 Mar 15 meeting (Minute 4a refers) the meeting was advised that the pipe which is the responsibility of Network Rail is to be repaired. Mr Kenny to provide an up to date report. b. <u>Run offs – Guildford Road</u> Members to note that the ruin offs have recently been re-instated. c. <u>Glaziers Lane near Poplars</u> At the 12 Sep 13 meeting Mr Fowler reported that the culvert had been high pressure jetted but action was needed to be taken regarding root infestation. No further progress on this had been made and a report was to be made to the next meeting. The culvert is situated between number 35 Glaziers Lane, and Mr Rose's residence who indicated that there seemed to be some confusion regarding terminology here; either the problem related to the culvert or the surface water pipe which runs into the stream. It was confirmed that SCC and GBC would visit the site with Mr Rose after the meeting to view and Mr Rose will report the outcome to Cllr Malthouse. SCC and GBC to report on progress. d. <u>Wyke Farm Lane - Ponding</u> At the 12 Sep 13 meeting it was reported that the culverts and drains appeared to be the cause of the ponding and the SCC representative agreed to arrange for them to be cleared. At the 20 Mar 14 meeting the SCC representative reported that a request had been made to the landowner to do the necessary work to relieve the problem but that to date no action had been forthcoming. It was therefore proposed to serve notice requiring the ditch to be cleared. A further problem had been identified involving land owned by TJ Hunt and discussions were being arranged. It was reported that the problem was on going but a road closure application had been submitted to enable further investigations to be conducted. SCC reported that nothing has progressed with this issue as it appears there is

<p>e.</p>	<p>considerable speculation as to what the cause of the problem is and this requires further investigation of the area when it has dried out. <u>Green Lane East/Christmas Pie/Orchard Close/Westwood Lane - Drainage Pipe size</u> At the 12 Sep 13 meeting Mr Fowler advised that a plan was to be produced to widen the size of the pipe. At the Mar 14 meeting members of the public reported that the flooding problems are ongoing and appeared to be emanating elsewhere. At the same meeting Mr Fowler reported that he would investigate the matter further. At the Sep 14 meeting and in the absence of Mr Fowler further consideration was deferred, but in the meantime Mr Sham is to seek an up to date report from Mr Fowler. GBC confirmed that they are investigating this and that there is a continuous pipe which is not accessible by manholes. They are fitting some in the next few weeks. CCTV investigation will then follow and they will report to the next meeting. GBC to report on the outcome of the CCTV investigation.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>GLAZIERS LANE/ORCHARD CLOSE At Mar 14 meeting the Parish Clerk distributed a copy of a letter from Mr Rose of 45 Glaziers Lane. Members agreed to action points from the letter as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Thames Water Sewer</u> Thames Water agreed to respond direct to Mr Rose. • <u>Hoe Stream Tributary</u> Mark Howard and Owen Lee, SCC Flood Team, to be asked to respond direct to Mr Rose. • <u>SCC Surface Water Gullies</u> It was reported that these had been jetted and further investigation would be conducted in the new financial year. A report on progress will be made by the above named members to the next meeting. SCC agreed to organise a site visit with interested parties and to report on the outcome at the next meeting. <p>It was reported that the problems appeared to have been resolved. Mr Rose reported that unfortunately the matter appears to still require attention and it was noted that Thames Water were not in attendance at this meeting and residents complained of poor response. The meeting was told that the sewer pipe was of insufficient diameter to meet the needs of the existing homes with the result that raw sewerage regularly overflows into the Hoe Stream. SCC will look at this issue hopefully next week. GBC will also wish to look to see whether some of this problem is responsible for the Orchard Close flooding. SCC and GBC to report on progress.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN At the 12 Sep 13 meeting Mr Fowler advised that the draft Plan was likely to receive Executive approval in Jan 14. Mr Fowler also reported that the comments from the public consultation were being evaluated and the responses are being fed into the Final Plan for future action.</p>

	<p>It was reported that the Plan had identified “Hot Spots” and that funds were being sought to resolve the issues identified.</p> <p>In addition a public consultation was to be conducted over the next week. In the absence of Mr Fowler matters were deferred. However generally it was noted that flood relief works carried out at North Wyke Farm had intensified the surface water flooding behind Guildford Road and along through to Glaziers Lane. There was speculation as to whether this might be relieved by further clearance of the drainage ditches but this would have to be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>It is was confirmed that the plan had been published and the next stage is being addressed but no further information was available at this stage, and the next stage is being addressed but no further information was available at this stage.</p> <p>Members resolved to defer the matter to the 18 Sep 15 meeting. GBC to provide an up to date report.</p>
7.	<p>FLOODING - BROMBLES – WESTWOOD LANE</p> <p>Mrs Newman the occupier of the above property has complained that regularly her garden floods as the pavement outside the property slopes down into her front garden.</p> <p>At the 20 Mar 15 meeting GBC agreed to visit the site to ascertain whether this formed part of the wider issue related to Orchard Close. GBC to report on their findings.</p>
8.	<p>44 ORCHARD CLOSE – SEVERE GARDEN FLOODING</p> <p>Members reviewed the photographs provided by Mrs Lombard.</p> <p>At the 20 Mar 15 meeting GBC advised that they were investigating the problem. GBC to report on progress.</p>
9.	<p>BAILES LANE – FLOODING</p> <p>Sat the 20 Mar 15 meeting (Minute10 refers) it was agreed that the first row of houses on the right hand side before the left hand bend regularly flooded due to the ditch curving in an “s” shape and because of the curve it does not drain well. The problems are exacerbated because two ditches join at that point. SCC advised that they are looking to free up the restrictions caused by the ditch line.</p>
10.	<p>GLAZIERS LANE TO ELM GROVE – FLOODING</p> <p>Miss Bailey reported that a section of road from Glaziers Lane to Elm Grove Lane is often blocked. She complained that GBC used to accept that they were the riparian authority for Hoe Stream which runs alongside Manor Fruit Farm., they now say it is the Parish Council She complained that she felt she was being ping ponged between one Local Authority and the next. Cllr Malthouse, the Chair of the Parish Council, indicated she was having difficulty getting hold of a copy of the lease they hold from GBC and within that lease it can be established who is responsible for that stream. However, she also pointed out that residents of parishes pay their full rate to GBC plus an additional rate to the Parish and that it is wrong in her view that Parish Councils are somehow left to take responsibility for matters which really fall within the remit of the Borough Council. It was agreed that once the lease was obtained that Normandy Parish Council would meet with Mr Fowler and</p>

	in order to resolve how the stream is to be dealt with. GBC to report on progress.
11.	<p>86 GLAZIERS LANE – SEWAGE FLOODING</p> <p>Mr Cunningham, 86 Glaziers Lane indicated his frustration with Thames Water who were not present. He said that his garden floods with sewerage and it appears that his neighbours downstream have all had non return valves fitted to prevent the flooding affecting their land.</p> <p>These problems, because they involve sewerage, involve health risks. It appears Thames Water have been looking into the problem for years without resolving it.</p> <p>It was noted that this has been raised before but Thames Water are not attending meetings nor responding to correspondence. The meeting was advised that the pipe down Glaziers Lane is only 150 millimetres reducing to 125 millimetres at Elm Grove. The pipes are not big enough to manage the sewerage for the properties involved and although Thames Water has promised to come out when the ground is drier to complete a clean of the drain, this is not thought it will likely resolve the problem.</p> <p>The meeting discussed enforcement but it appears the Agency is the Environment Agency and that because there is a risk to health that might be a path that needed to be followed as on each occasion the flooding takes place there is a threat to pollute the water.</p>
11.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Members to determine the date of the next meeting.</p>