

Sydenham flood alleviation progress meeting

Chinnor Village Hall, Friday 25 January 2pm

Attendees

John Howell MP	Chair
Angie Patterson	John Howell's office
Cllr Dorothy Brown	South Oxfordshire District Council
Paul Stancliffe	Sydenham Parish Council
Peter Gibbons	Aston Rowant Parish Council
Michael May	Resident
David Read	Resident
Jeff Ludgate	Resident
Steve Hunt	Optimise
Andrew Hagger	Thames Water
James Hoare	Thames Water
Huw Thomas	Thames Water

Agreed action points to progress

To find a means of avoiding residents having to queue on phones to raise a flooding issue. HT

To review the role of a Single Point Of Contact (SPOC) for South Oxfordshire District Council for flooding issues. HT

MP, Residents and Councillors consider that no residual flow should come through to the Manor Farm pump station when the new rising main is constructed. TW to investigate whether the start of the capped off section of sewer can be raised to help maintain flows in the network once flows from the south have been redirected via the proposed new rising main. SH

To confirm the flow rate for the new proposal in terms of litres per second. Current pumping rates at Manor Farm range from 24l/s-28l/s and this is not nearly enough. Residents and local councillors believe flow rate for new main should be at least 40l/s.. SH

To investigate whether it would be viable to mole through the area where newts have been found in order to prevent any delays in starting. SH

To consider the requirement of a standby generator at the proposed pumping station to mitigate power outages on the Southern Electric network. MP, Residents and Councillors consider that standby generator is a must. Kingston Stert and half of Sydenham is on the edge of the Southern Electric network and there have been seven power cuts in the last six months, two planned six hour ones and five emergency ones. SH

To confirm the date of any planning application to the group. TW advised that they were planning to be on site in August 2013 to carry out the works. SH

To advise of the Investment Committee date for the scheme and give feedback to the group following the meeting.

TW to advise of final location of new pump station. Critical that if it overflows it goes into Chalford Brook and not to Sydenham.

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To hold monthly update sessions to a smaller group that will act as the liaison for the residents on all points above and moving forward. HT