

LAMBOURN VALLEY FLOOD FORUM MINUTES

31st October 2022

On-Line Conference

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•	<p>Attendees</p> <p>Denise Kinsella - Thames Water Shelly Hartnoll – Thames Water Adam Fowler – Thames Water Howard Woollaston – WBC / Eastbury Rachel Carden – Upper Lambourn Emily Merritt – WBC Emergency Panning Clive Hooker – WBC Paula Saunderson – Newbury Oliver Steed – Lambourn Martyn Wright - East Garston Nick Voysey - Great Shefford Richard Hancock – Environment Agency James Potter - Eastbury Jon Winstanley - WBC Adam Fowler – Thames Water Rachel – Thames Water D Lavorchik</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Steve Ackrill – Great Shefford Andrew Gorton</p>	
•	<p>Minutes from Previous meeting</p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
•	<p>Stuart Clark</p> <p>At the start of the meeting Howard drew everyone’s attention to the sad loss of Stuart Clark, who will be greatly missed by his colleagues and many other people. Everyone agreed that he had always provided a fine example of how to maintain a high</p>	

	standard in public service.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>Great Shefford 'Bypass' Flood Alleviation scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Hancock explained that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The update he will give is essentially the same as the one recently published in The Great Shefford on-line Parish news • Funding is in place • A Contractor has been appointed • The work will be progressed on a 'design and build' approach, because it is the quickest, and removes the need for a second contract, separating consultancy and construction. • Clive: I thought we had done the design earlier? • Richard: That was to keep to keep the project live, it is now the final nuts and bolts e.g. how the water will be off-taken at the top of the village. We are not starting again. • Clive: The landowner has asked for more in pipeline near to the river. • Richard: We are looking at it, but are not sure if John Liddiard's request can be accommodated. • Will need planning permission. • Jon Wynstanley: Will it need a pre-app? • Richard: It is part of the plan. • Richard: BAM Tech doing design on part of BAM Nuttall Ltd, I had a walkover with both of them in September. • Howard: What is the planned construction period? • Richard: Start is planned for May, with finish in December. Should not be too many complexities, but won't know for sure until we start. • Clive: Overall project cost? • Richard about £5m. • Howard: Any other utilities impacted: • Richard 11,000 volt cable, but BAM know that • Clive: Who will be responsible for ongoing maintenance? • Richard: Will be the EA as it will be an EA asset, and this has been allowed for within the £5m cost. 	EA

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>Sewage Issues in The Upper Lambourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the lack of rainfall over the summer, if TW pipes are not underwater we are not able to look for infiltration. When ground water levels come up will be able to see if there is a problem • 720m of lining done in Great Shefford, including Wantage road and connecting laterals. • Groundwater levels are still dropping.. • Not enough recent rainfall to currently justifying deployment of a filtration unit in January, but we will look at it again in January. Have set up a fortnightly network check in Upper Lambourn, Lambourn, Eastbury and East Garston. • Section in Great Shefford by the pub is in line for planned maintenance o 24th-29th November. • Howard: Do any of your pipes run between East Garston and Great Shefford? • Shelly due dry weather we have been finding more ground movement, which can disrupt pipes and lining. • Denise: Gaps that were not there before can appear due to ground movement. • Rachel: How long will the ATAC take to deploy if you need it? • Denise: Six days • Shelly I have a weekly email from our modelling team. • Rachel: Has work in Eastbury been completed? • Shelly: Yes it was an air valve on rising main. • Paula: Road between GS and Boxford takes ages to clear after rain. • Shelly: Re the work near Malt Shovel (Putting in surface drainage), will pump in alignment with the ditch, will be set up before Christmas. • Jon Wynstanley: Recruiting to fill Stuart's position, it would be worth meeting with Andrew Reynolds (Jon to set up) • Martyn: Any chance of filtration unit in East Garston? • Shelly: Don't think it will be necessary, due work we have done which has removed infiltration. Also there is a problem as to where to put it. • Shelly: groundwater levels still dropping, recent rain not enough. Would like to see that recent work has 	
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	<p>been successful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Hancock: Not expecting to see us move out of drought until well into next year. Rainfall for September, and October has been 100% but the effective level has been much lower. 	TW
•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bockhampton Main: Adam Fowler: There has been a delay due to the need for an environment assessment, sent to WBC, in August, but no reply so far. Natural England have responded. Until we get approval it will take one and a half months to start Jon: Will see what we can do Clive: Will it affect costings? Adam: It should not, but could cause delays. Howard: Will it be directionally drilled, rather than cut and fill? Adam: it will be cut and fill in the fields, and bored under roads. 	TW
	<p>Issues in the Lower Lambourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paula: Have been recording pollution on Northbrook stream. Do TW know what is going on, since there was one incident when you were digging up Newport road? Shelly: That was an incident due to a third party Paula: One problem is that residents have not been reporting incidents. Shelly: Call us when it is happening, so we are in best position to investigate. Paula: Surface water management plan: What areas is it covering, and source (groundwater, surface, and fluvial)? Lambourn never drops below 1.3m. Understanding scope would be helpful. Richard: You are lower down, so your levels won't fluctuate as much as higher up. Where you get closer to the lower reaches of a valley water from the river can spread for miles. Not 100% sure where that is relevant to you and why that you are seeing constant levels. Paula: The lower Lambourn has major bournes flowing from the north. Could we have a measuring stick in the river by the Walton Way bridge so we can watch it? It would be very helpful for us as flood wardens. Richard: Will talk to Hydrology people 	<p>WBC</p> <p>EA</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon W can send you the scope. • Paula: Coley farm and other developments do WBC know the cumulative impact of those? • Paula; Don't see how three different developers will do a cumulative impact study. • Howard: take offline. 	<p>WBC</p> <p>WBC</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick: What do you think about the latest iteration? – a link was sent with the Agenda on 30/9 • Nick: What do EA / TW / WBC think about our posting documents circulated • Richard: No problem from EA perspective. • Jon: No Problem from WBC • Shelly: OK for TW • Nick: We will need a second person to monitor the email account, any volunteers? No one came forward. • Nick: Can we publish now? It was agreed that this can now happen. • Howard: How can we link to other websites in the valley? • Martyn – We have a website, and already upload these minutes. <p>Note: subsequent to the meeting it has been found that there is a problem in accessing documents on the Website from Apple devices, which the developers are looking into, so there will be a delay in publishing the Website.</p>	<p>Nick</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>WBC Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon: We will progress property level protection in Lambourn • Paula: Do you have to be flooded to qualify? • Jon: Yes • Paula: Did anyone in Shaw qualify in 2014? • Jon: DK right now. • Rachel: I think It needs to be right sort of flooding to qualify. 	<p>WBC</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>Parish updates</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Berkshire Groundwater Scheme: • Richard: Was activated last week, 87 km of pipes across West Berks. Current use is Pang, Enbourn and Lodden. No plans to activate Lambourn and Great Shefford scheme this year, but might be needed next year. • Has been used in 1976, 1986 and 1990 for short periods, assume Lambourn & GS was used then • Howard: Should we be concerned, about groundwater levels? • Richard: It will be a minor difference, but at the Pang we are pumping at 80% of the rivers capacity. • Nick: What will be the longer term impact on lowering groundwater? • Richard: Not significant • Paula: Any ecological effects? • Richard: Not currently a concern • James: Trash screens for Eastbury scheme? • Richard: Will find out • Denise will be job sharing by the time of the next meeting. 	EA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>Date, Time and location of next meeting.</p> <p>Monday 23rd January 6pm</p> <p><u>By teleconference</u></p>	All