

LAMBOURN VALLEY FLOOD FORUM MINUTES

23rd January 2023

On-Line Conference

		Action
•	<p>Attendees</p> <p>Denise Kinsella - Thames Water Shelly Hartnoll – Thames Water Andrew Haggard – 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 Steve Ackrill – Great Shefford Gareth Knass – Great Shefford Richard Hancock – Environment Agency James Potter - Eastbury Andrew Gorton - Eastbury Jon Winstanley WBC Daniel Lavorchik – Thames Water Mark Hayes-Newington</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Luke New – Thames Water</p>	
•	<p>Minutes from Previous meeting</p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>	

<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 last few months have been about getting the design finalised, including how the off-take and outlet flows will work. Waiting for results any day and will be submitting planning application very shortly. The Team had a meeting with Jon Winstanley and WBC planning 10th /11th January. Applying for licence to ‘take water out’ is being prioritised. Expect planning application to be submitted at the end of February. • Planning an ‘engagement session’ with the local community at Shefford Village Hall on 9th March. • Steve: Meeting has been advertised. Positive for village to see things happening. Hope it will be completed before December. • Richard: We anticipate that the programme will be commenced May, with main elements to be completed by early December when it should be operational. Incidentals such as landscaping may not however, be completed until after Christmas 	<p>EA</p> <p>EA</p> <p>EA</p>
<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"> • Groundwater levels rising fast, network checks have been carried out from Great Shefford upwards, and have so far have been positive. Groundwater rising 0.3-0.4m per day so Thames Water will be deploying the ATAC in Lambourn on Wednesday, with scaffolding around it erected on Thursday at same place last time. Will have pipe work in place in case of surface water flooding. We have not yet hit amber yet on TW graphs, but still doing 3 network checks a week. • TW still have 1,300km of lining to be completed. The contractors say this can’t be completed due to high flow. Have identified infiltration from a couple of properties in the private sector, incl. in Great Shefford. Looking at engaging with householders to take that forward. • Sewage discharge at East Garston: Initially it was thought that it was infiltration, but it seems that it may have been an issue with the pumping station. Have a 	<p>TW</p> <p>TW</p>

	<p>construction by July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark: Diversion could be via the village perhaps? • Adam: Size of school buses will impact the decision. • Andrew Gorton: The road through the village would not be suitable for a diversion. • Jon Winstanley: Any diversion has to be same, or better than the original. • Andrew: When will whole thing be complete? • Adam : Currently programmed to complete by end July, but due need to work during half terms, it may push into the summer holidays. There is a lot of pipe work to be laid during the Easter holidays. • Andrew Gorton: It was originally a 7 month programme so it may complete in September? • Adam: Yes • Andrew Gorton: so when you have done the bit by the Queens that's it? • Adam: No, there is another 150m near Shefford • Daniel Lavorchik: The site compound will be in fields by College way near East Garston social club next to the recreation ground. We have already contacted landowners and will be in contact with residents. We will let residents know two weeks before the road closure. • Andrew Gorton: Will you be digging up the football pitch? • Adam: Potentially. 	
	<p>Flooding in the Newbury Road Between Lambourn and Weston</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Winstanley: Would cost millions to do anything • Paula: Has to be a way of working with the landowners, to maintain the road as it used to be. It's just a matter of a bit more on the ground. • Jon: If it is an issue with maintaining existing ditches will look at it. • Mark: Due weight limit on B4000 HGVs have been directed along Newbury Road and are causing problems of maintenance. 	

	<p>Lower Lambourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paula: Looking at 5 development schemes going on potentially impacting groundwater or surface water management. Why does the EA have no plan for the area between the Lambourn & Clayhill Ward. • Richard: Trigger would be driven by flooding issues, suspect there has not been enough properties flooded that would have lead to action; • Paula: So 36 properties in 2012 were not enough? • Richard: Properties being repeatedly flooded tends to drive investment • Paula; We have 190 at risk, due a mix of fluvial, groundwater and surface water infiltration. • Paula; Response from TW? • Denise: we work in partnership with WBC on drainage, but don't have surface management plan which is WBC issue. • Paula: Any WBC plans for surface water management plan? • Jon W: Plans in Aldermaston and Thatcham were to prevent water getting into TW system • Paula: Have problems with pumping station in Faraday Road / Walton Way, so a problem with surface water getting into sewage pipes sewage in garden in Newport road. Struggling to understand how new development in the Clayhill ward will work with this. • Shelly: Have no evidence that this pumping station has had issues in last two weeks. • Paula: Unfortunately I did not photo the tankers. • Shelly: Will take it away as an issue. • Denise: We need to find out if it is an operational issue. • Jon: Pretty sure it is Highways drainage, will go and have a another look next time it rains. • Paula: We have awful industrial pollution. The 'pocket' park by Lidl is a disgrace, covered in black sludge. • Howard: I will try and pull together a group to look at all this. • Paula: Can I look at the scope? • 	<p>TW</p> <p>Howard / WBC</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick: We have not been able to publish the Website due to a problem with accessing documents from Apple Devices. 	

