

A Meeting of the Flooding Sub committee of Tunstead Parish Council was held Tuesday 23rd February via Zoom 7.30pm

Attendees:

(JM) Jimmy Miller (Parish Council Clerk)
(CO) Chris Oakes (Sub-Committee Chair Person & representative of Parish Council)
(NC) Neil Coston (Sub-Committee Member & representative of Parish Council)
(JC) Jason Coward (Sub-Committee Member & representative of Parish Council)
(GF) Gilly Foulds (Sub-Committee Member)
(AM) Andy Minturn (Sub-Committee Member)
(JN) Julie North (Sub-Committee Member)
(LB) Lisa Bidwell (Sub-Committee Member)
4 Members of the public

Apologies:

Clive Rich (Sub-Committee Member & representative of Parish Council)

Meeting started at 7:35

Emails have been sent by Clerk on behalf of Flood Committee to:

Orbit

Anglian Water (job reference 58622148)

Environment Agency

2. Email received from Duncan Baker (MP) asking to have telephone call with Flood Committee. JM to email to arrange ideally a Zoom. LB & GF happy to take part.

3. GF has had contact with Orbit who have said they will be out to repair ditch within 2 weeks. GF has gained permission for access from Land Owner & Farmer of the land adjacent to allow for digger access. Due to farming of the land this work must be completed before April.

There is some fly-tipping in the ditch at the rear of Market Close. JM to write letter to ask residents to remove this. GF will hand deliver and politely ask face to face also.

4. Restrictions have been pushed out and pipe is now clear running from pond to ditch across the road, levels are also now correct. Jetted blockage to Wateringpit Lane and cleared 5 metres. Rodded south towards bungalows and got 2 metres. Further investigation needs to be carried out regarding pipes coming from bungalows and also along Wateringpit Lane. There is a manhole cover centrally in the road which as yet we don't know where it goes from/to. Fairfield resident suggested it may come from the historic ditches round the back of the bungalows. These have been filled in. More investigations to follow. Meeting with Highways next week.

5. Fairfield have found end of pipe which meets Whitegates. Blockage/breakage found and further investigation required. No contact since last meeting from owner of field at the end of Wateringpit Lane regarding widening and deepening ditch to original dimensions in order to hold water from field. Parish Council to send letter to Owners. JC asked Fairfield Owner to send previous sent emails to Land Owner to JM so he is fully up to date before composing letter. Also to include photo evidence. GF commented it would be valuable to speak to the contact at Anglian Water responsible for Farmland to get another professional opinion.

6. Stepping Stones owners attempted to find pipe connecting their ditch to field ditch but to no avail. It looks like it may be more cost/time effective to install a new pipe. CO explained that this is the responsibility of the owners of the ditch, as this was within the stipulations of planning being approved for these houses. Their ditch has not gone down as others have, regardless of lack of rainfall.

7. GF updated on Anglian Water. They have tankered away many thousands of litres of water via a number of

tanker-runs today. They have also replaced an 'Impellor Pump' on the Market Street Pumping Station.

8. St. Kew have exposed pipe which leads from Whitegates & Fairview. St Kew agreed that Fairview are welcome to rod from their end in order to locate blockage/breakage. It was noted that owner of Whitegates was very amicable and willing to assist where possible/necessary in this being sorted. Owner of St Kew again raised concerns over the bung being taken off at Fairfield and them being flooded. He noted that St Kew sits low down and therefore will be very susceptible to flooding.

9. Questionnaire was delivered throughout Tunstead over the weekend and Sco Ruston will be delivered Wednesday. 19 have already been returned. Already it would appear that Manor Close residents may all their surface water going straight into the sewerage drains rather than soak-away.

10. JN commented on the flooding under that train bridge at Tunstead Road leading to Anchor Street. CO remarked this has always been the case for many decades. There is also significant flooding at Culleys Pit Rd & Shop Lane before you get to Anchor St. It was agreed for JM to send email to Highways.

11. LB asked CO if contact has been made with Scottow Parish Council since last meeting regarding flooding at Tunstead Road leading to Anchor Street. It has not so it was agreed that JM would email both the Clerk at Scottow Parish Council and Highways regarding the matter. It was also agreed that residents should be encouraged to contact Highways themselves regarding this historic flooding.

12. Groomsmere Court resident spoke of problems remaining with foul water. They are still unable to use facilities. Anglian Water are due out tomorrow and will hopefully sort this via cleaning pipes, disinfecting area and also getting a camera to investigate.

13. JC discussed Norfolk Flooding Alliance which will be chaired by Lord Dannant and spearheaded by Norfolk County Council. It was agreed that we would like to be involved and JM shall find out how we can do so and send relevant requests.

Actions

1. Hollyfields meeting with Highways

2. JM to send email/letters to...

Market Close residents re. fly tipping

Owner of land on Wateringpit Lane re. ditches

Scottow Parish Council re. flooding on Tunstead Rd leading to B1150

Highways complaint re. flooding on Tunstead Rd leading to B1150

Highways complaint regarding flooding on Pit Lane & Shop Lane

Facebook notice to residents advising how to complain to Highways regarding the above floods on roads

Norfolk Flooding Alliance to find out how we can be involved – JC to send info the JM

3. JM to have all email addresses of Flood Committee members in order to copy-in on correspondence.

4. Further investigation to be carried out at:

Fairfields/Whitegates/St Kew

Rose Farm Barn pipe into ditch

Hollyfields (Highways meeting as above)

5. Next meeting Tuesday 2nd March 21 @7.30pm via Zoom

Meeting ended at 8.35pm