

Surface water flooding report

Further to Minute 19-127 b (March 2020) it was reported that:

The jetting works were undertaken and completed on 24th February. The works were largely successful in that they jetted both upstream and downstream to and from Brook Street. However, we uncovered one issue which would indicate a partial collapse of the storm water sewer in the vicinity of Kemp Vineyard/Kemps Close. The system is running along its full length, but is partially impeded at this location. To pinpoint the issue we need to undertake a CCTV survey – at present we aren't certain about our budgets for the forthcoming financial year so I can't give a firm answer in terms of when we can undertake this survey.

It was reported that an application to join the Pathfinder scheme had been submitted (19th March 2020) but the project lead, Jo Maddams, is also the county council's emergency planning officer and was working full time on the COVID 19 response. Therefore, it is not known when the Parish Council's application will be considered.

Further to Minute 19-110 (February 2020)

Looking at the details, it appears that there is an existing highway drainage issue which the County Council is aware of and according to the notes on our file has programmed in to carry out some works. I don't consider the comments highlighted by the PC were intended by my officer to be a 'not my problem approach', however we are limited in that we cannot seek to impose controls to address an existing problem, only the impact of a new development.

In my opinion, the drainage condition applied to the development was proportionate and addressed the matter of drainage as far as was reasonable. On smaller developments it is my experience that planning inspectors usually consider drainage to be adequately controlled by the Building Regulations. We should not seek to duplicate the Building Regulations or other controls. That said, I would be happy to pass on the PC concerns to my principal officers should you feel that appropriate, so that they are aware of local concerns when signing off reports and advising their teams?

It was noted that Cllr Howell had requested that the Parish Council concerns were passed on.