

PIRBRIGHT WARD FLOOD FORUM

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 2nd December 2022 in the Club Room Lord Pirbright's Hall, Pirbright at 10.45am

In attendance were:

Chair:	Jonathan Lord MP
Surrey and Guildford Councils:	Cllr Keith Witham
Surrey County Council:	Sarah Alford Naidu - Flood & Climate Resilience Team Laila Haddad - Flood & Climate Resilience Team
Guildford Borough Council:	Helen Barnsley Brent Shirley Simon Tarrant
Environment Agency:	Tanya Jorgii – Flood Resilience Team
Pirbright Parish Council:	Cllr Max Godfree Helen Myers (Clerk)
Members of the Public	One resident of the Parish
Apologies:	Patrick Giles SCC Andrew Treasure SCC Janice Longman -EA Cllr Steve Fidgett - PPC Cllr Elaine Eason - PPC

1. Welcome and introductions.

The Chair welcomed attendees and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of 02/02/21 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3. The Hodge Brook

Tanya Jorgii from the EA Flood Resilience Team informed the meeting that a telemetry unit had been attached to the footbridge over the Hodge Brook located at the junction of Mill Lane and the Guildford Road by the EA. Pirbright is already covered by flood alerts sent via text messages to those signed up to the service. This new piece of equipment will collect and store additional data to enhance the warning service. Tanya stated that she would pass on a team email address for the Clerk to distribute and that it would be useful if flooding at this location could be reported via this email. The EA had sent out a mailing to all addresses in Rapley's Field and Mill Lane giving the homeowners instructions on how to sign up for the flood warning service but Tanya would appreciate further notifications to households in these areas if it were possible via the parish council website and newsletter. Whilst alerting residents to this flood warning system, Helen Barnsley suggested that residents should be made aware of the Utilities Priority Services. This is a service to notify individual utility companies of vulnerable residents in order to prioritise them in the event of a power cut, water shortage, etc.

With regards to the GBC/EA Flood Report to look at the possibility of further capital expenditure to reduce flooding in Pirbright, Helen Barnsley informed the meeting that the

criteria for funding had changed. Tanya Jorgii stated that there may be the possibility for funding via the EA to move forward on this scheme and that she would report back.

Action Point: The PPC Clerk to work with Tanya Jorgii of the EA to put together a reporting procedure with instructions on how the public can call the EA reporting hotline when flooding occurs. This information would then be fed back to Tanya in real time so that the Team would be able to correlate this information in conjunction with actual flooding on the ground. This procedure should be on the PPC website and also be sent to parishioners via Keith Witham.

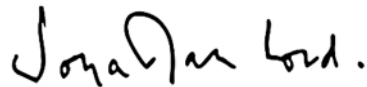
The PPC Clerk to put details of the Utilities Priority Service on the website and in the Parish newsletter.

4. Review of Action Plan & Updates on Other Local Flooding Problems

Attendees addressed the areas of flooding in Pirbright as shown on annex 1 (attached).

- 5. Date of next meeting:** The reporting system for SCC Highways is now directly via the SCC portal with cases also being resolved via the portal. All instances of Highways flooding in Pirbright will be reported via the portal going forward. Therefore, PPC have decided that, at this time, there is no requirement for a further meeting in April 2023. Should the process of reporting and resolution change, PPC may wish to reinstate regular Flood Forums.

Signed by (signature):



Printed name: Jonathan Lord MP

Date: 27/01/2023