

## **PIRBRIGHT WARD FLOOD FORUM**

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 3 December 2021 in the Club Room Lord Pirbright's Hall, Pirbright at 11am.

In attendance were:

Chair:	Jonathan Lord MP
Surrey and Guildford Councils:	Cllr Keith Witham
Surrey County Council:	Sarah Alford Naidu Ben Caplin
Guildford Borough Council:	Helen Barnsley
Environment Agency:	Ivan Parr
Pirbright Parish Council:	Cllr Steve Fidgett (Chairman) Cllr Elaine Eason
Apologies:	Helen Myers PPC Patrick Giles SCC Janice Longman EA Brent Shirley GBC Alice Keeping TW

1. **Welcome and introductions.**

The Chairman welcomed attendees and thanked them for their attendance.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of 27/4/18 were confirmed.

3. **Updates on Alternative Approaches for the Hodge Brook Maintenance Regime**

**3:1** Following the previous decision not to implement the flood alleviation measures on the Ash Ranges due to the high cost, property level defence measures were to be publicised, but the scheme had subsequently been cancelled in Guildford and hence no action had been taken. No issues had been reported in the meantime, but it was noted that no major flood events had occurred.

There was some discussion over reporting data for recent years on flooding. Property owners should be asked by PPC to report any flooding issues preferably via SCC website (for GDPR purposes) so that they can be included in future action logs and meetings.

**Action Point:** *Helen Barnsley to circulate copies of the engineering study previously undertaken for the Hodge Brook catchment for information.*

**3:2** Ongoing maintenance of grips in Mill Lane is required by SCC Maintenance gangs. These and blocked drains and other minor flooding issues elsewhere should be reported via the SCC website (flooding for main rivers is via the Environment Agency). This would then be logged and actioned as necessary.

**Action Point:** *Residents be advised to notify SCC when this work is needed go to:*  
<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/flooding-advice/reporting-flooding-trees-and-power-cuts>

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

**4:1** There had been concerns over unauthorized works to ditches including infilling and in other cases enlargement within the Parish, especially in the area south of Gole Road. This had been reported to SCC who had not undertaken any action at this stage as it was not felt additional water was entering the stream system but this should be monitored if there is any greater incidence of flooding, especially at the culvert in School Lane. Any concerns over unauthorised water course work should be reported to SCC unless it's a main river in which case it should be reported to the EA.

The SCC leaflet on advice for riparian owners would be emailed to PCC so the Council can upload to the Parish website.

**4:2** Current action points were updated as shown on annex 1. Action Points 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8 can be removed from the list and appear resolved.

**5. Date of next meeting: Friday 11 February 2022 10.45 for 11am start.**