

Notes/Action List
Flood Working Group held on 25th April 2008
(The meeting was held at Monkton Park, Chippenham starting at 2pm and concluding at 4.30pm)

Present

D. Burbidge (North Wiltshire District Council), D. Everitt (Wiltshire County Council), Sally Barnett (Wiltshire County Council) C. Eales (Environment Agency), N. Buller (Wessex Water), Councillor H. Greenman (North Wiltshire District Council), Councillor V. Vines (North Wiltshire District Council), Councillor J. Lay (North Wiltshire District Council), Councillor B. Causer (North Wiltshire District Council), S. Scothern (North Wiltshire District Council), Terry Fraser (Crudwell Parish Council), I. McKay (Crudwell Parish Council).

Apologies

Paul Gerrard (Wiltshire County Council), I. Kear (West Wiltshire District Council)

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	Agenda Item 1 – Notes of Last Meeting	<p>The Notes from the last meeting were approved as a correct record.</p> <p>Update on Actions taken within Areas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hedgehogs: Following CCTV of the area WCC are awaiting update. 2. Communications: Press release/Newsletter: confusion raised over regularity of the FWG Newsletter. DB confirmed circulation is to be bi-monthly. <p>It was considered beneficial for all affected Parish Councils to be kept informed of discussions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Network Rail – contact. 	<p>WCC to update at next FWG.</p> <p>To produce a press release based on the notes of the meeting and circulate next FWG Newsletter.</p> <p>Minutes from FWG Meetings to be circulated to all affected Parish Councils.</p> <p>Danny Everett confirmed that Network Rail will have a presence at the next FWG and will provide contact details to Cllr Bob Causer.</p>	<p>D. Everett</p> <p>P. Lancaster</p> <p>S. Smith</p> <p>D. Everett</p>

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	Agenda Item 2b High priority flooding areas	P. Gerrard has provided information via disk on the high priority flooding areas compiled from information received from the various agencies. D. Everett to access hard copies of the information and will liaise with S. Smith for assistance in compiling the information for circulation.	D. Everett and S. Smith to compile the information for circulation.	D. Everett S. Smith
	Agenda Item 3 – Crudwell Update	T. Fraser address the FWG to update on the current situation in Crudwell. Terry questioned the requirement for planning permission from NWDC when the EA had given permission for works to take place. After being informed of the length of the works needed, DB confirmed that the advice given was correct in his opinion. Discussion took place on whether the works in question would alleviate further problems in Crudwell. C. Eales (Wessex region) informed all that Geoff Bell is C. Eales equivalent in the EA for the Thames region and confirmed that there may be some possible funding available.	Survey to be carried out at key stress points within Crudwell to highlight problem areas and to ensure that any works carried out are appropriate. T. Fraser to liaise with S. Scothern. C. Eales to check with Geoff Bell on whether there is any available funding and will report back at the next FWG.	T. Fraser S. Scothern C. Eales
	Agenda Item 4 Current Position in North Wiltshire	Covered above and below.		
	Agenda Item 5 Dauntsey Update	V. Vines confirmed that some families are still not in their homes following the July flooding. D. Everett confirmed positive relationship with members of the Dauntsey community who have also started their own FWG of which D. Everett is involved.		
	Agenda Item 6 Purton Update	S. Scothern confirmed that the Purton area is now handled by his new Engineer, Sophie Jones. Cllr Lay confirmed flooding problems on The Common.	Cllr Causer and S. Scothern to investigate and will report back at	Cllr. Causer S. Scothern

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	Agenda Item 7 AOB	<p>Leigh – D. Everett confirmed that flooding problems almost resolved now and also confirmed that he was aware that, until recently, one family was still in Caravan accommodation.</p> <p>Ashton Keynes – D. Everett confirmed that flooding issues are being dealt with.</p> <p>Hook – Cllr. Lay confirmed there were still flooding problems.</p> <p>General discussion on the ownership of ditches and how confusion is caused over some landowners not being aware that it is their responsibility to clear.</p> <p>Building on Flood Planes – HG raised the PPS25 (the policy of building on flood planes). HG queried how we can ensure the policy is adhered to robustly and proposed this should form part of the Pitt Report.</p> <p>Funding - H. Greenman expressed the difficulties that would be caused by having to approach the Executive each time works need to be signed off and proposed that agreement should be sought to allow appointed Officers to have sign-off on budget spend.</p> <p>Area Grant monies have been transferred into the FWG budget.</p>	<p>Cllr. Lay to liaise with the Parish Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr. Greenman to investigate further.</p> <p>S. Smith, S. Scothern and D. Everett to complete prioritisation list for submission to the Executive alongside Report requesting budget spend sign-off by appointed Officer in consultation with FWG.</p> <p>S. Smith to check with Stuart McGregor on how much was transferred and will ensure this figure is included within the overall FWG budget before submission to the Executive.</p>	<p>Cllr. Lay</p> <p>Cllr. Greenman</p> <p>S. Smith S. Scothern D. Everett</p> <p>S. Smith</p>

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	Agenda Item 8 - Date of Next Meeting	Friday 23 rd May 2008 – 2pm Venue: Committee Rooms B&C, NWDC		