

Notes/Action List
Flood Working Group held on 14th February 2008
(The meeting was held at Monkton Park, Chippenham starting at 2pm and concluding at 3.50pm)

Present

S. Lawrence (Wessex Water), I. Plumber (National Farmers Union), R. Symonds (Environment Agency), D. Everitt (Wiltshire County Council), P. Gerrard (Wiltshire County Council), S. Scothern (North Wiltshire District Council), D. Burbidge (North Wiltshire District Council), Councillor B. Causer (North Wiltshire District Council), Councillor J. Lay (North Wiltshire District Council), Councillor H. Greenman (North Wiltshire District Council), Councillor A.M. Bucknell (North Wiltshire District Council), P. Langcaster (North Wiltshire District Council), J. Whittleton (North Wiltshire District Council), J. Elliot (Thames Water), T. Pearce (Thames Water) and ----(Wessex Water)

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FWG11	Agenda Item 1 - Introductions	Those in attendance introduced themselves to the Group.	N/a	N/a
FWG12	Agenda Item 2 – Notes of Last Meeting	The Notes from the last meeting were approved as a correct record.	N/a	N/a
FWG13	Agenda Item 3 – Flood Mapping to enable prioritization of action – Update on Actions taken within Areas	<p>3a – Flood Mapping to enable Prioritization of Action</p> <p>The Wiltshire County Council Map showing highways issues relating to flooding.</p>	<p>P. Gerrard (WCC) to circulate Map showing highways issues relating to flooding.</p> <p>The various agencies present to plot their boundaries onto the map.</p> <p>To organise a meeting (of all the agencies/authorities present) before the next working Group meeting to establish priority areas.</p> <p>To present the priorities at the next Working Group meeting.</p>	<p>P. Gerrard.</p> <p>S. Scothern, P. Gerrard, R. Symonds, S. Lawrence, J. Elliot.</p> <p>P. Gerrard.</p> <p>P. Gerrard.</p>

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		<p>3b - Update on Actions taken within Areas</p> <p>1 – Hedgehogs: The Environment Agency and Wiltshire County Council are due to check the situation. The area will be CCTV'd before the end of the month. Wiltshire County Council have recently walked the area.</p> <p>2 – Communications: Letters from Wiltshire County Council to Parish Councils about asking land owners to clear ditches have been sent out. The Environment Agency have a booklet entitled 'living on the edge' relating to flooding issues.</p> <p>3&4 – Actions relating to the frequency of meetings and Membership have been completed.</p> <p>5 – Network Rail: Have been invited but have chosen not to attend. They will be invited to future meetings.</p> <p>6&7 – Actions relating to Unitary Council will be reported on at the next meeting.</p> <p>8 – Kennet District Council have responded negatively but they do have a sub group looking into the issue.</p> <p>9 – The letter to James Gray MP has been sent from the Leader of North Wiltshire District Council.</p> <p>10 – Ponds: S. Scothern has carried out some desk-top calculations, which point to the idea being impractical.</p> <p>11 – R. Symonds will take a decision on whether</p>	<p>To produce a press release based on the notes of the meeting.</p> <p>To commence work to produce a leaflet for all homes in the District relating to flooding.</p> <p>Identify lead officer / Discuss with WCC Director possible creation of a Land Drainage Scheme.</p>	<p>P. Langcaster.</p> <p>P. Langcaster / P. Gerrard.</p> <p>P. Gerrard.</p>

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		<p>both EA areas need to be represented at the Group.</p> <p>12 – NWDC out of hours emergency service. S. Scothern will chase up this action ahead of the next meeting.</p>	<p>To outline for the next meeting, how out of hours emergency service operates at North Wiltshire District Council.</p>	<p>S. Scothern.</p>
FWG14	Agenda Item 4 – Area 1 Funding	<p>North Wiltshire District Council has doubled it's budget for flooding issues to £120,000 in 08/09. In addition Area 1 (Malmesbury Area) has allocated £14,518 and Area 2 (Cricklade & Wootton Bassett) has allocated £3,449 for works in their respective areas.</p> <p>This money will need to be spent quickly (probably by December) in light of the new unitary authority.</p>		
FWG15	Agenda Item 5 AOB	<p>1 Pear Tree Cottage: The need to clear drains in this location.</p> <p>The possibility of establishing an Internal Drainage Board.</p> <p>Problems experienced by farmers including inadequate ditches when villages expand, legislation relating to cutting hedges and fly tipping.</p> <p>The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment will be useful when considering planning applications. It is likely to concentrate on areas which have been allocated higher housing numbers.</p> <p>The need to audit work done on drains and to keep records of drainage courses. Both activities are labour intensive.</p>	<p>Wiltshire County Council to clear drains around 1 Pear Tree Cottage. Check with S. Bowcock (NWDC) about sweeping roads as well.</p> <p>Invite Mr D. Sissions of the Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board to carry out a presentation to the Group.</p>	<p>P. Gerrard.</p> <p>J. Whittleton.</p>

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		<p>The Implications of PPS25. Although designed to eliminate all development in the floodplain, it is weakened by other Planning Policy Statements. 'Flood resistance' relates to the ability of a development to avoid flooding. 'Flood resilience' relates to the ability of a development to recover from a flooding incident.</p> <p>The need to make the connection in peoples minds between their actions and flooding.</p>		
FWG16	Agenda Item 6 Date of Next Meeting	28 th March 2pm.	Book Room and dispatch Agenda.	J. Whittleton.