

Meeting of the Flood Advisory Group

17 November 2022

10:00am

Remote Meeting via Zoom

Link to the livestream: [Rochford District Council Flood Advisory Group 17.11.2022 - YouTube](#)

Agenda Item	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs J R Gooding, Cllr Mrs C E Roe and Cllr S E Wootton.</p>
2.	<p>AGREE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 MARCH 2022</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 March 2022 were agreed as a correct record and approved by the Flood Advisory Group.</p>
3.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Cllr M J Steptoe declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being a Member of Barling Magna Parish Council, Essex County Council, Essex Flood Forum and the Environmental Agency Group. Further non-pecuniary interest was declared by virtue of Cllr M J Steptoe living within the proximity of Kimberley Road with the stream discussed by the Forum ran through the garden of Cllr Steptoe's property.</p> <p>Cllrs Mrs L Shaw, D J Sperring, I H Ward and C M Stanley declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being Members of Rayleigh Town Council.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs C M Mason declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of living at Englefield Close.</p> <p>Cllr I H Ward declared a pecuniary interest by virtue of being a member of the Rochford 100 Golf Club.</p>
4.	<p>REVIEW OF THE SUMMARY OF FLOODING ISSUES REPORTED TO THE FLOOD FORUM, COVERING UPDATES FROM PARTNERS AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ashingdon</p> <p><u>Lower Road/Ashingdon Road</u></p> <p>On 30 March 2022, Essex County Council Highways (ECCH) commented that this was a difficult traffic management site to attend and that no enquiries had been received that related to flooding reports. ECCH expressed reluctance to arrange works at this site due to significant costs and network disruption.</p>

On 17 November 2022, ECCH advised that they were happy to discuss if there was further evidence of flooding.

Lead Agency: ECCH

29 Brays Lane, Ashingdon

This item was being looked into by ECC Water Course Regulations Engineer; however, no further update was available.

The site was visited and nothing further had been found.

Lead Agency: ECC Water Course Regulations Engineer

Moons Close to Highcliff Crescent

On 30 March 2022, ECCH advised that the site was attended and the gullies had been looked at as part of their cyclical gully attendance. The gullies south of crossing seemed to be clear but there were consistent reports of water backing up from the Anglian Water main. Anglian Water had been asked again to check their main.

As a response, on 17 May 2022, Anglian Water had investigated and found the drainage pipes only served the road gullies and were not connected to the customers. This meant that it was not an Anglian Water asset and the records had been amended accordingly. It was also noted that mass root ingress was potentially the cause of the flooding.

On 23 November 2022, ECCH advised that they would revisit the site to assess if the roots could be removed, otherwise a section of the pipe would have to be replaced.

Lead Agency: ECCH/Anglian Water

621 Ashingdon Road

On 17 November 2022, ECCH commented that there were no further issues.

Lead Agency: ECCH

Battlesbridge

On 17 November 2022, no reports had been received by ECCH.

Lead Agency: local residents to report to ECCH.

Canewdon

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On 30 March 2022, ECCH advised that they were still not provided with the location details.

Update February 2023 – the Parish Council confirmed that the works had been completed by ECCH.

Lead Agency: ECCH

Canewdon Gardiners Lane

In July 2022, Rochford District Council (RDC) had made enquiries to the Parish Council; however, they were unaware of any local knowledge of the drainage system or the case of the problem.

RDC visited the site on 13 September 2022 to aid with further discussions with the Parish Council. Since then, ditch maintenance had been carried out by the landowner and pragmatic solutions were suggested should the issue reoccur.

Lead Agency: Parish Council to report any further problems

Paglesham

On 17 November 2022 ECCH advised that the site was last attended on 13 August 2022 and 14 October 2022. They advised that this was raised with Anglian Water who discussed the possibility that it could be possible to connect to existing Anglian Water infrastructure in the area, although not the foul sewer. The design team were therefore commissioned to review the existing design based on the potential of new information.

However, upon closer scrutiny, the design team and Anglian Water were unable to come up with anything new – this scheme was not awaiting further design work.

Lead Agency: ECCH

Apton Hall Road

In August 2022 RDC followed this up with the landowner which was resolved with a new pipe at the front of the property to replace the filled in ditch and maintenance work by local landowner.

Lead agency: local landowner

This item to be removed from agenda as it is now complete.

Hawkwell

Woodside Chase

On 17 November 2022 details of the maintenance schedule had been requested. It had come to light that a resident had a key to access the culvert but had moved. The Flood Forum therefore queried whether it was possible to provide a new key for residents to replace the old one.

Lead Agency: RDC

Holly Oak Lane

On 17 November 2022, Cllr Mrs Mason advised that she had not been made aware of any further reports of flooding.

Lead Agency: landowner

Park Gardens

On 23 November 2022 Cllr Mrs Mason had received reports from residents of a sewer overflowing in heavy rain.

Lead agency: Anglian Water to report on the problem.

Rectory Road

On 17 November 2022 ECCH advised that a cyclical crew had attempted to attend on 25 March 2022 but were unable to access due to problems with traffic management.

The Flood Forum had indicated that there was local support for traffic disruption to maintain the drains and ask for more detail of the problem. ECCH advised that the difficulty was finding a diversion route that would avoid other utility works.

Lead Agency: ECCH

Belchamps

During a visit by RDC no local action had been identified as the watercourses were well maintained. There were potential improvements to the wider catchment – please refer to the Hawkwell Brook Report.

Lead Agency: Landowner – Scouts

Hockley

Cornhill Avenue

In September 2022 an initial site survey had been organized; however, RDC were still awaiting the report.

Lead Agency: RDC

Folly Lane

In August 2022 RDC visited the site to view the problem. Further investigation was needed to understand the local drainage systems.

This could have possible links of flooding in Pond Chase.

Lead Agency: ?

Plumberow Avenue

This was referred to Lead Local Flood Forum Authority as RDC was unable to undertake any investigation. All requirements had been met from a planning perspective.

Lead Agency: Essex Flood Team

Westminster Drive

In September 2022 RDC's Asset Management Team had appointed a contractor to undertake the work – this item was still pending.

Lead Agency: RDC

Hullbridge

Watery Lane

On 17 November 2022 ECCH advised that on 11 July 2022 they had attended the site and substantially cleansed in July 2022. This would continue to be monitored and re-attended as/if required. A preventative cleanse would be organized again in the new year.

Lead Agency: ECCH

Malyons

The main conclusions were that the flooding of gardens in Malyons and Abbey Road were due to blocking of the ditch that ran through the gardens affected. Runoff water from the development was managed to be the same flow as it was when it was a field.

Lead agency: local residents

Dome Caravan Park

On 18 August 2022 an email was sent to the site managers to request that they carry out ditch maintenance. In November 2022, major clearance of the roadside ditch took place.

Lead Agency: ditch clearing by landowners or site managers

Hullbridge Road opposite Lubbards Farm

On 17 November 2022 ECCH advised that there were no further reports of flood issues.

Lead Agency: ECCH

Grassmere Avenue and The Drive

Lead Agency: residents

Kingsman Farm Road

No further incidents had been reported.

Lead Agency: ?

Rayleigh

Boston Avenue Culvert

Responsibility for the maintenance of the Culvert and the surrounding area was Sanctuary Housing's. RDC made contact and received details of the maintenance schedule.

Lead Agency: Sanctuary Housing

Diamond Close

RDC's investigation into ownership had revealed that the registered owners, Kingley Grange were working with the developers (Bellway) on a resolution. Contractors had been appointed and Environment Agency permission was requested.

It was noted that Cllr Jim Cripps was assisting with the matter.

Lead Agency: landowners

Grove Road

On 14 October 2022, Anglian Water did not receive reports of further flooding events and no reports had been made to the Flood Forum.

Lead Agency: no further action proposed

Rawreth

The Environment Agency and RDC had agreed to meet with Rawreth Flood Action Group to discuss the issues that related to Rawreth on 14 April 2022.

Two meetings with RFAG had resulted in an agreed plan for short, medium and long term improvements.

Lead Agency: residents working with the Environment Agency and ECCH

Sweyne Park

In September 2022 an update had been provided that drains were in the process of being installed.

Lead Agency: RDC

Eastwood Road

On 17 November 2022 Cllr Ian Ward updated that he was assisting in tracing documents that related to the adoption of the road which had been lost.

Lead Agency: Essex County Council Legal Team

Hockley Road

On 17 November 2022 it was noted that discussions indicated that the problems were further down Hockley Road, towards Hambro Hill, where the water ran over drains and curbs. It was also noted that a drain had been tarmacked over.

RDC was requested to obtain further details for ECCH.

Lead Agency: ?

Victoria Road and Sweyne Court

On 24 August 2022, RDC attended the site with Cllr D J Sperring. It was noted that the risks were clearly related to topography and any work to improve the drainage flow would increase flood risk to those in the low-lying areas.

Lead Agency: ?

33-45 Windsor Way

No further information had been received and ECCH had visited the site to perform their cyclical gully cleanse.

Lead Agency: ?

Rochford

Sutton Road

On 17 November 2022 it was noted that there were safety concerns over the depth of the ditch that took the runoff water due to the lack of an outlet.

Cllr M J Steptoe would discuss this with the Environment Agency outside of the meeting.

Lead Agency: ECCH

Hall Road Development Suds

On 17 November 2022, Cllr M J Steptoe provided further information on the matter and was the point of contact for this item.

There was concern over a missing flap valve where the SUDS linked to Hawkwell Brook near Ironwell Lane.

Lead Agency: ?

Depot

Please refer to the report presented on 30 March 2022.

Rochford Hundred Golf Club

Please refer to the report presented on 30 March 2022.

West Street 63-69

On 17 November 2022 ECCH advised that they had carried out jetting on 19 May 2022 at the request of the Essex Flood Team.

It was noted that the pavement needed reprofiling to slope away from the shops.

Lead Agency: Awaiting further information following the Essex Flood Team investigations.

Wakerings

High Street, Great Wakering

It was noted that on 24 August 2022, a site meeting took place between RD and landowners who had agreed to undertake clearance work from September when they were allowed to use their hedge cutter. It was then agreed that RDC would then arrange another site visit to assess what other issues could become evident following the work.

On 17 November 2022, Cllr Mrs J E McPherson raised an additional concern over water in the road affecting the listed properties opposite the old school (73-83 Main Road). The cause was believed to be uneven road levels.

Lead Agency: RDC

Barling Road Near Ye Olde Shoulderstick

In August 2022, RDC contacted the owners for an update and advised them to contact the landowners to request ditch clearance. It was also advised to contact ECCH as installation of new chevron signs appeared to have gone through a drainage pipe.

Lead Agency: Landowner

Kimberley Road

On 17 November 2022, a request was made from the meeting to follow up on the provision of a grill to protect the culvert under the road and the duck bill valve in the tidal wall.

Lead Agency: ?

Poynters Lane/Wakering Road

On 17 November 2022 it was identified that the landowner was QinetiQ. It was also noted that vegetation was obstructing sight lines as well as increasing flood risk.

5. ANY OTHER UPDATES FROM PARTNERS

None had been received.

6. RDC REVIEW OF THE FLOOD FORUM

	<p>Members of the Flood Forum expressed that going forward they would prefer to meet in-person due to accessibility and connectivity issues.</p> <p>Members also noted that the Terms of Reference of the Flood Forum would be reviewed by a Member-led Working Group to enhance the efficiency of the Forum and that the Working Group was open to suggestions that would benefit the Forum.</p>
7.	QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC None had been received.
8.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS There was none.