

Forum for Surface Water Flooding Issues

Thursday 8 November 2018 at 10.30 am, Council Chamber, Rayleigh
Civic Suite

Agenda

Membership

Cllr T G Cutmore	Cllr Mrs C E Roe
Cllr B T Hazlewood	Cllr D J Sperring
Cllr G J Ioannou	Cllr M J Steptoe
Cllr Mrs J R Lumley	Cllr I H Ward
Cllr R Milne	

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Agree Minutes of meeting held on 24 July 2018.**
3. **Completed Schemes**
 - Temple Gate Cottages *Sutton Road Farm Cottages* – blocked gully has been jetted.
 - *The Ridings, Southend Road, Rochford* – bellmouth has constant water running through it. Essex & Suffolk Water resolved the issue.
 - Water running towards Hullbridge at the bottom of Hambro Hill near the bus stop. Issue of leaky valve resolved.
 - *Greensward Lane, Hockley* - slippery road signs – ECCH. Cleaning and root cutting had been undertaken and a leak addressed.
 - *Watery Lane, blocked gullies* – a preventative cleanse was carried out on 3 September as part of the cyclical gully clearance programme.

Essex County Council Flood Team

4. *Flood Park Magnolia Public Open Space (ROC7) – Phase 1. ECC needs to demonstrate that the habitat of the great crested newts can be adequately protected before works can be undertaken.*
5. *ECC Capital Flood Programme Fund. Further information to be provided on the approach to allocation of funding for flood alleviation work by the ECC Flood Partnership Board and on joint strategic working across boundaries of authorities.*
6. ECC Flood Team to advise whether there is funding available for alleviation of flooding in the Rawreth area. (A blocked pipe that runs under Rawreth village is an

ECCH maintenance issue.)

To receive an update from the ECC Flood Team on ROC7 – Phases 1 and 2.

Essex County Council Highways (ECCH)

7. *Laburnum Way, Rayleigh* - ECCH working on the redesign of the culvert. Scheme to be considered by ECCH in partnership with other agencies. RTB had visited the site and confirmed that the blocked culvert at the grille end had now been cleared. ECC in negotiation with landowner 'Greenbelt' to clear the culvert once every year.
8. *Eastwood Rise, Rayleigh* – ECCH clearance of gullies and channel servicing the surfaced carriageway. This is an unadopted road and not maintained; with ECC Legal team.
9. *Church Road, Hockley* – ECCH to clear gullies on the hill and ensure lines jetted through.
10. *Church Road/Old London Road, Rawreth* – the site would be cleansed as part of the complete cleanse of the District.
11. *Stambridge Road opposite Little Stambridge Hall Lane* – property flooded during heavy rainfall. The landowner has responsibility for maintenance. To be taken forward to Stambridge Parish Council.
12. *Paglesham soakaway maintenance/upgrade* – timescale for this to be undertaken. R Baranowski to meet with residents.
13. *Warwick Road (from Trinity Road to the Chase)* – ECCH to investigate the report that this area is sinking and has a crack. ECCH to establish what is causing the road surface to be unstable – it is not a drainage issue.
14. *4 and 6 Stambridge Road, jt with Rocheway and Weir Pond Road*. The gullies and drainage system were working. Further investigations would be carried out to examine the capacity of the system.
15. *73 Broadwalk, Hockley – gullies blocked, gardens flooded*. The gullies had been cleared and drains were working. The option of reinstating the ditch would be a long-term solution.
16. *Old London Road/Fairglen Interchange*. Balancing pond flooding. Fairglen Interchange – possibility of relocating the pump. ECCH to update at the meeting.
17. *Webster's Way, Rayleigh* – the rain drain at the pelican crossing was not collecting water properly, resulting in puddles forming on the public highway. ECCH to monitor.
18. *Highcliff Crescent to Moons Close at the pedestrian crossing* - flooding onto the carriageway and then onto the pavement in times of heavy rain. Gullies to be regularly monitored. It may be a vehicle channel rather than the drainage system.

19. *Rayleigh Taxi Rank* – two blocked drains that could result in shops being flooded in heavy rain. Although drains have been cleared, it is a recurring issue. Also an issue with the drain outside the Feather in the Nest shop. ECCH to visit site.
20. *Sutton Road, just before junction with Purdey's Estate*. Issue with the ditch incorrectly instated. ECCH to talk to landowner.
21. *Broad Oak Way, junction with Queens Road, Rayleigh*. Reports of flooding at the junction causing issues to the house opposite.
22. *Windsor Way, Rayleigh*. Where it flooded before the drains can't cope, which happened during the last downpour.
23. *Grove Road, Rayleigh* – flooding during heavy rain. On ECCH programme of works.
24. *Drainage at Goose Cottages, Rawreth*. Pipes blocked.

Rochford District Council (RDC)

25. *Oak Road, Rochford* – Awaiting response from ECC Legal regarding request for permission by residents to access the ditch at the rear of their properties via Ironwell Lane.
26. *Hockley County Primary School* – works to unblock surface water pipe causing ditch to back up and flood Footpath 11, Hockley to be undertaken during the school summer holidays.
27. *Nobles Green Ditch from Milton Close to Bramfield Road East* – works to keep growth under control. RDC has placed order with contractor to carry out vegetation clearance of the `V` channel (Nobles Green Ditch) - work due to start 9/10/18.

Environmental Agency (EA)/Private Landowners

28. *Barling Creek/Kimberley Road ditch* – Maintenance is the responsibility of the landowner and it had not been possible to locate the owner. A new screen had been installed.
29. *Bridge at Church Road, Rawreth* – water spilling over the top of the bridge. EA to meet with ECCH and advise Rawreth Flood Action Group.
30. *Brook behind new development in London Road, Rayleigh - maintenance*. AW to organise growth to be cut back on the section of footpath. EA programmed hand brush cut works on the main river section Oct/Nov. The private landowner is responsibility for keeping growth cut back.
31. *Lower Wyburns Wood* – EA to contact relevant parties and to arrange site meetings.

Anglian Water

32. *Development at Plumberow Mount to 43 Cornhill Avenue – flooding of gardens.*

(Update: RTB met the resident/owner at the address on 3 October. It would appear that following the planning permission of the development to the rear of 126 Plumberow Avenue, soakaways were installed as per the requirement of Building Regulations. There may be a question as to whether planning permission should have been granted. If the construction of the soakaways has interrupted the flow of an underground water source and results in surface water/ground water flooding to rear gardens of 43, 45, 47 & 49 Cornhill Avenue, one way to ease the situation would be for a land drain to be installed across the rear gardens of the properties in Cornhill Avenue and connected into the public surface water sewer, provided Anglian Water give consent for the connection. The situation will need to be monitored to establish whether or not the flooding occurs.

33. *Sanctuary Housing holding area behind Fairmead, Rayleigh – maintenance to be undertaken twice a year. AW responsible for the sideway, which has not been cleared. AW advised that, as part of the annual programme, vegetation clearance/cut back to footway access rear of Fairmead, was last done 11 Sept 17. AW to visit site to see if it needs doing and, if so, arrange for works to be undertaken.*
34. *Flooding in Grove Road, Rayleigh during heavy rain – AW/ECCH – these works are on the programme.*
35. **Any Other Business**