

**ROCHFORD DISTRICT FORUM FOR SURFACE WATER FLOODING ISSUES  
NOTES OF MEETING HELD 24 JANUARY 2017**

**Rochford District Councillors:** Cllrs T G Cutmore, B T Hazlewood, R R Milne, Mrs C E Roe, Mrs L Shaw, D J Sperring, C M Stanley, M J Steptoe and I H Ward.

**Other Agencies:** R Baranowski (Essex County Council Highways (ECCH)), M Cottage (ECCH), C Box (Anglian Water), R Webster (Environment Agency (EA)),

**Officers:** S Scrutton (RDC Managing Director), R Tatton Bennett (RDC Principal Engineer) and M Power (RDC Minutes)

Agenda Item	Key observations
<b>Minutes</b>	The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2016 were agreed as a correct record.
<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	<p><b>Flood Alleviation Scheme - Sweyne Park – phase 2.</b> Planning application has been withdrawn – RDC to establish the reason for this. <b>(Post meeting note: it is understood that a technical error necessitated the withdrawal of the planning application, but a revised submission is being prepared.)</b></p> <p>Ditches that run along <b>London Road, Rayleigh</b> need maintenance - engineers instructed to clear out the ditch so as to redirect water.</p> <p><b>The Croft</b> – resident met with Richard Baranowski – the gully at the top of the road will be increased.</p>
<b>Completed Schemes</b>	<p>RTB provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Flood Park Magnolia Public Open Space</b> – AW has carried out works around the inlet and outlet of the flood park to improve the working of the area – no further works will be undertaken.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fairmead, Rayleigh</b> – Rawreth Brook works have been carried out by landowner, Sanctuary Housing. In response to concern about the concrete liner making the channel narrower where it runs into Rawreth Brook from London Road, consultants have been investigating.</li> <li>• <b>Briar Close, Hawkwell</b> – works have been carried out after a successful Community Flood Fund application.</li> </ul>
	<b>Essex County Council Highways (ECCH)</b>
92 Trinity Road	<i>ECCH to look at installing an extra gully or enlarging the existing gully.</i> ECCH visited the site and decided that it would be preferable to increase the size of the existing gully to increase the capacity of the water going in, rather than putting in an extra gully. In the longer term the design of the area as a whole would be looked at.
Laburnum Way, Rayleigh	<i>ECCH working on the redesign of the culvert - speaking to design team.</i> This has been reviewed by the Rochford Local Highways Panel, which has agreed that the scheme should be put forward for funding in 2017/18.
Eastwood Rise, Rayleigh	<i>Clearance of gullies and channel serving the surfaced carriageway.</i> This is an unadopted road - ECC Legal Department has stated previously that the road would be adopted.
20 Marylands Avenue, Hockley	<i>Flooding to property from public highway – works scheduled to put in a gully to connect with the existing gully.</i> A site visit showed that an extra gully and re-shaping to the footway would be required – this would happen in the next few months.
Warwick Close/Warwick Road	<i>ECCH to arrange for the drain off Warwick Close to be inspected.</i> The drain has been inspected and, although slightly low in comparison with the surrounding area, it is not defective and no work will be done on it. Repair of the drain on the other side of the road has improved the situation. Item to remain on Agenda for next meeting.

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Church Road, Hockley	<i>ECCH to inspect highway gullies under railway bridge – reported to be filled with stones. It was confirmed that the gully under the railway bridge works well. The issue is with gullies along the hill, which have not been maintained and are blocked. ECCH to clear gullies along the length of the road (access is difficult and will require traffic management).</i>
Stambridge Road opposite Little Stambridge Hall Lane	<i>ECCH to inspect drainage outside property, which is being flooded during heavy rainfall. Jetting being arranged (ECCH).</i>
Ashingdon Road, Holt Farm and St Teresa's Primary Schools	<i>Vegetation clogging the drains – ECCH to inspect. Jetting will take place (subject to traffic management arrangements).</i>
Downhall Road, Rayleigh	<i>Kerb stones level with driveways and water runs into properties – ECCH to inspect. The issue was caused by road surfacing and has now been rectified. COMPLETED.</i>
	<b>Anglian Water Authority (AWA)</b>
24 High Road, Hockley	<i>Works scheduled to repair section to ensure tree roots won't grow back. COMPLETED</i>
	<b>Rochford District Council (RDC)</b>
Oak Road, Rochford	<i>RDC to discuss with ECC Legal request for permission by residents to access the ditch at the rear of their properties via Ironwell Lane. The issue has been raised with ECC Legal but no response yet received. ONGOING.</i>
Hockley County Primary School	<i>RTB to liaise with school regarding flooding of footpath due to blocked surface water pipe under school playing field. A price has been agreed with the contractor but a response is awaited from the Head Teacher for permission to access the field so that a date for the work can be set.</i>

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Old London Road, Fairglen Interchange, Rawreth	<i>Flooding of the balancing pond - RTB to check who has responsibility. A site visit will be arranged between ECCH/RTB and the resident.</i>
	<b>Environment Agency (EA)/Private Landowners</b>
Barling Creek/Kimberley Road Ditch	<i>Need to establish who has responsibility for ongoing maintenance; bank of the ditch in disrepair – EA to meet RTB on site. RTB has met with EA on site to inspect the tidal side with a view to replacing the valve with a different type. The EA contractor will provide a quote for a new screen on the fluvial side within the next two/three weeks. [Note: Cllr Steptoe declared an interest in this item as the ditch runs through his property.]</i>
	<b>Private Landowners</b>
Nelson Road, Rayleigh	<i>Farmer agreed to carry out maintenance works to the ditch. Awaiting a start date from farmer, who has applied for a grant. The farmer has confirmed that the grant has been approved. When a date has been set for the work to commence, this will be provided to Cllrs Roe and Sperring.</i>
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nobles Green</b> – The EA Asset Performance team visited the site to determine responsibility for maintenance of the ditch. The pathway that bounds the ditch is ECCH responsibility; water draining into the ditch is AW responsibility. EA has partial responsibility for maintenance. The field is in private ownership as the riparian owner. A joint funding initiative could be possible and an application for local levy funding. ECCH to arrange a site meeting to co-ordinate the various agencies. <b>Post Meeting Note: following the meeting, it was confirmed that the Environment Agency would work with RDC to explore the development of a scheme to carry out repairs to the brook funded through the local levy.</b></li> <li>• <b>Junction between Hill Lane and Main Road</b> by the White Hart pub has a problem with flooding – RTB to visit site.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gully outside <b>St Mary's Church in Rectory Road, Hawkwell</b> regularly floods – RTB to visit.</li><li>• <b>London Road.</b> The Drain Clearing team would be clearing out the ditch on the shop side of the service road.</li><li>• <b>Marylands Nature Reserve.</b> There is a small section of Plumberow Mount that remains uncleared. RTB to contact the ECC Flood Team.</li><li>• <b>Model of alleviation of flooding of Rawreth</b> - nothing further has happened since the meeting on site with the resident - RTB to progress. (In respect of flooding in Rawreth, the area does not meet the criteria in terms of cost effectiveness to be eligible for funding, as there are insufficient properties affected.)</li><li>• <b>Hullbridge, from The Esplanade to Beeches Road.</b> The mud bank along the River Crouch has collapsed. EA to advise.</li><li>• <b>Kingsman Farm Road, Hullbridge.</b> The sea wall collapsed in 2013, was repaired but has since collapsed again. EA is aware and will investigate.</li><li>• The new bridge from <b>Brandy Hole to the Dome Caravan Park</b>, which is part of the emergency plan for residents of the Dome, is due to be rebuilt but work has yet to take place. Footpath 8-9 has collapsed into the river. EA/ECCH PROW team to establish responsibility for the works.</li><li>• Areas in the District should have been notified of the recent Atlantic tidal surge flood warnings.</li><li>• Anglian Water was thanked for its efforts in resolving issues at the top of Crown Hill, Rayleigh.</li></ul>
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The meeting started at 2 pm and ended at 3.15 pm.