

GLAPTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

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REPORTS for ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 21 SEPTEMBER 2017

FLOOD WARDEN'S REPORT

This morning, accompanied by the Clerk, I met Richard Jones from David Smith Associates and Nancy Baines, Resilience Project Officer from Northamptonshire County Council Emergency Planning team. As part of the Pathfinder II project we walked various parts of the village to consider the flood risk.

It was clear that much of the flood mitigation must come from the riparian landowners - those with either a water course or a ditch running through or at the boundary of their land.

We discussed a number of new initiatives such as the creation of 'attenuation basins' on farmland, a new grid/drain across the bridleway by the school, more 'grip drains' along Main Street by Brookside, and others.

It is clear we shall require professional consultancy to map and design any new measures, before implementation.

It became apparent during our walk, that the good work done by the Parish back in 2006 to alleviate the flood risk is being undone by the lack of ditch maintenance. To this end I have asked the Clerk to prepare letters to various land-owners, seeking their cooperation in this matter.

Malcolm Moss
Flood Warden

CLERK'S REPORT – 21 SEPTEMBER 2017

Purpose of report

This regular report provides a brief update on activity since the last ordinary council meeting, which may not be covered under the meeting agenda.

Neighbourhood Plan

I have had a number of exchanges of email and phone calls with the Clerk to the Neighbourhood Planning Group, including keeping their web pages up-to-date.

Village Hall

The VH committee is now in receipt of the kitchen equipment that the PC donated to the VH in lieu of a cash grant. The paperwork for the broadband installation into the VH has been completed with Gigaclear.

Insurance

I have been advised that Aon is to cease its involvement in the Local Councils insurance market and will not be offering renewal terms in 2018. I am taking steps to find an alternative policy.

Transparency Fund

I am pleased to report that once again we received a grant from the Transparency Fund of £362,52 towards the cost of my hours in managing the website. This is a bonus sum as it was not in the budget.

Trees on Upper Main Street by Brookside

On Thursday 21st September, I am meeting the Assistant Area Manager for Northamptonshire Highways to find a way of managing the trees on Upper Main Street and Brookside, many of which have low canopies and interfere with traffic, especially school buses.