

### Paper 3 Update on Ide Flooding and Emergency Working group

1. The weather has continued to be wet throughout March and April. It's been reported that the period from Oct – Mar was one of the wettest winters seen with numerous named storms challenging communities, council, and agencies alike. Reservoirs are now back to 95% capacity.

2. We continue to be aware of the flooding hotspots around the village whether they be surface water, fluvial or overland flows.

3. Surface water

We have had some success reported. Rollesbridge drains have now been fixed according to the DCC Highways reporting tool. Grit has also been removed from the gully next to Ide Car Park.

We still have badly blocked drains going up the hill past Pynes cottages towards Haldon. This is exacerbating surface water flow down the road at the mini roundabout. This problem has been reported repeatedly but DCC Highways have not yet completed gully sucking on this stretch. We need to escalate this and query if any funding has been found for the surface water survey that their officer mentioned when we met in October.

4. Fluvial

Last meeting, we reported residents contacted the Environment Agency (EA) to clear an obstruction on Fordingbrook, which the EA duly did.

The EA have been asked to clear the silt from the culvert under the road to keep discharge clear on the Fordingbrook, as well as the culvert under the shop. Following this request, we've been informed that they will clear vegetation once nesting birds have flown but will not dredge. They will pass this responsibility on to DCC Highways as the flood risk is highways drainage i.e. the culvert under the road.

I've asked them to review this decision and if they stand by it to help us to talk to DCC Highways about the change in dredging responsibility as this the brook is a main watercourse at this point and so the decision may lead to dispute.

5. Overland flow – at last meeting we reported that we had the report from the EA and a small flood subgroup met. Following up on the actions. NB has been pursuing funding with DCC and also trying to get an audience with Church commissioners to discuss options for land management and potential for natural flood management. We will continue to pursue this over the summer period

6. Other

The emergency shed in the top car park appears to have suffered storm damage to the door which is unlocked during storm conditions. We need to look into fixing this to maintain the security of supplies.

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