

FLOOD LIAISON GROUP

29 April 2024

Actions Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (23 January 2023)

	<u>ACTIONS</u>	<u>UPDATE</u>
1	Laurence Ellis to review the email and attendee list for Flood Liaison Group.	Membership and attendee list had been reviewed.
2	Laurence Ellis to review the terms of reference for Flood Liaison Group to investigate on how the meeting could be more effective, such as feeding into the Place Overview and Scrutiny panel.	Some minor amendments to the terms of reference added to the meeting. Flood Group can forward recommendations to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny panel to cover a certain subject area.
3	David Harding to circulate the next milestone of Thames Water's business plan.	The next milestone of Thames Water's business plan had been circulated to Group members/attendees separately via email.
4	Ben Crampin to ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors Larcombe and Coe were part of the briefings to revitalise the county partnership meetings. • Councillor Larcombe was included in the revitalised county partnership meetings. 	Both Cllr Coe and Cllr Larcombe have been invited to the first meeting of the new Partnership meeting for the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee Partnership. This meeting is planned to take place in mid-May.
5	Brianne Vally to forward the Jubilee Flood Relief Channel operating procedures to Councillor Coe, and potentially share this with the wider Flood Group.	<i>(Update to be received at the meeting.)</i>
6	A meeting between the Parish Councils and flood agencies (EA, Thames Water and RBWM) to discuss local flooding issues, with the Chair helping out if necessary.	EA: A site visit to Lower Wraysbury (Thames) went ahead on Monday 25 th March 2024 to see recent impacts from flooding alongside some key areas for the project work. Further site visits are being planned. RBWM: Meetings with the impacted parishes (Bisham, Cookham, Datchet, Hurley, Old Windsor and Wraysbury) had taken place. If there are any

		other areas what would like to meet regarding flooding from Storm Henk, please contact flooding.enquiries@rbwm.gov.uk
7	The Section 19 investigation report from the 2014 flooding event to be circulated amongst Flood Group attendees.	This has been sought and not found within the normally filing of the Council. A request has been made to the Data Protection Officer to check archived files.
8	Topics to discuss at the next Flood Group meeting in April 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public awareness on how the Jubilee River was managed to be discussed at the next Flood Group meeting. • Dredging to be discussed at the next Flood Group meeting. • The management of discharging the tributary rivers going into the River Thames to be covered at the next Flood Group meeting. 	<i>(Update to be received at the meeting.)</i>

Datchet Parish

9	David Harding and Parish Councillor Ian Thompson to chase up James Townsend on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thames Water's response to the Datchet Common Brook and Flap Valve, with Parish Councillor Ian Thompson keeping Ben Crampin updated on the progress. • Flooding issues in Datchet being relayed to James Townsend. 	Referred to James Townsend of Thames Water, who is managing this.
10	Ben Crampin to liaise with Parish Councillor Ian Thompson on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding for flood defences in the Borough in the last 4 years. • The contractors' report on the Datchet Barrell Arch. • Arranging a conversation on the relevant flooding issues in Datchet. 	<p>Ben Crampin had met with Councillor Thompson to discuss wider flooding concerns that have come up in January 2024.</p> <p>Point around funding to be determined and distributed before the meeting.</p> <p>Ben Crampin and Councillor Thompson have discussed the detail provided by the contractors following completion of the work to remove silt from the Datchet Barrell Arch. The Contractor is</p>

		resending the link to the footage which will then be presented to Cllr Thompson.
<u>Bray Parish</u>		
11	Parish Councillor Louvaine Kneen and David Harding to arrange a joint site visit to the drain cover near the Jolly Gardener pub in Bray.	In email correspondence.
<u>Eton Wick</u>		
12	Progress on weed clearance at Eton Wick, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Lower Thames Catchment Partnership meeting on 29th February 2024. • The fencing at Dorney Common, namely whether there was any preference for the installation of one from the landowners. • Further update on the financial contributions for weed clearance at Eton Wick from landowners. 	<i>(Update to be received at the meeting.)</i>
13	Ben Crampin to inform Claire Taylor on the flooding issues at Moore's Lane, Eton Wick, and the section of the Roundmoor.	Ben Crampin emailed Claire Taylor to re-organise a meeting and was yet to hear back.
14	David Harding to forward an answer on the Pipeline Project at Eton Wick to Laura Regazzacci.	STW upgrade project still in design stage. No view on pipeline project.
<u>Cookham Parish</u>		
15	Flooding issues at Burchetts Green Road and Cookham High Street: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Crampin to update on any developments at Burchetts Green Road and Cookham High Street, including a response to the drain at Burchetts Green. • A coordinated visit to Cookham High Street, in particular a drain outside the Forge Motor Company. 	Works for Burchett's Green Road and Cookham High Street have been programmed into the new Highway Drainage Capital programme for Q1. Updates will be sent directly to ward members once contractors have notified officers of completion. A meeting has not yet been organised. BC waiting for contractors to book work in on the High Street so the meeting can happen close to the work so advice can be fed in.

16	Parish Councillor Mandy Brar to email her queries about the Micro-Hydro scheme on the River Thames to Brianne Vally, based on Brianne Vally's previous email, who would then forward them to the relevant EA staff.	<i>(Update to be received at the meeting.)</i>
17	Emily Merritt to resend the email to Cookham Parish Council on the flood wardens and update the names in the flood plan.	Emily Merritt re-sent the Flood Wardens email to all Parish Councils in case there were others who did not receive the original email in October. Flood Warden details for Cookham have been received and updated accordingly.
18	Ben Crampin and Dick Scarff to liaise on further information regarding surface water drainage in Cookham.	A map of Cookham parish highway drainage was provided in December 2023. Ben Crampin emailed Dick Scarff to provide more clarity on any particular areas of interest
19	Ben Crampin and Jason Mills to investigate and respond to the Dick Scarff's report at Battlemead Common.	<p>The Council has responded to this issue with the following statement:</p> <p>“Works at Battlemead have been undertaken with Environment Agency approval and in line with flood plain management guidance. Neither the Environment Agency nor the Council’s Flood Team have expressed concerns that fencing at Battlemead has had any impact on the recent flooding in the Borough.</p> <p>We know some residents are concerned that hay bales left on the site that might have impacted flow. Officers inspected site during the flood event and we are confident that there was no impact on flow. As an extra reassurance to residents, we will ensure that in future years, hay bales are removed straight after the grass cutting.</p> <p>River and groundwater levels were so high following the high rainfall, that there was nowhere for floodwater to drain away to and we saw this in multiple places in the borough where water stood for a long time.</p> <p>“The management scheme for Battlemead was agreed by Cabinet in 2021 and sought to balance a number of different viewpoints about how best to manage the site for nature and public access in the context of a flood plain. The installation of the fencing was a key part of that plan to enable public access, health & safety and nature conservation. Since that time the Environment Agency has made a number of visits to Battlemead and no concerns have been raised.</p> <p>“The Council is developing a new Flood Risk Management Plan for the Borough in partnership with key stakeholders. Consultation is underway and we would encourage residents to have their say as that plan comes together.”</p>

