

CAPEL PARISH COUNCIL

FLOODING COMMITTEE MEETING

Flood Committee Meeting of CAPEL PARISH COUNCIL to be held virtually at **6:00pm on Wednesday 31st March 2021.**

In Attendance:

Committee: Cllr C.O. Mackonochie (Chair), Cllr H. Patterson, Cllr A. Saunders, Cllr T. Sawyer, Mrs L. Assirati, Mr P. Darbyshire, Mr C. Leake, Mr T. Sanderson & Mr. D. Hulme.

Flood Wardens: Cllr C.O. Mackonochie (Lead Co-ord), Cllr W. Forster, Ms M. Foster, Cllr T. Sawyer, Mr A. Smith,

External Attendees:

Mr M. Gauntlett (Environment Agency)
Mr M. Tant (Kent County Council) Flood Risk Manager
Mr D. Morrison (High Weald AONB Unit) Project Officer (Sussex Flow)
Mr T. Harrisson (South East River Trust) Natural Flood Management Coordinator
Cllr C.A. Mackonochie (Tunbridge Wells Borough Council)

Also in Attendance: Maddy Boyle, Clerk

MINUTES

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176	1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE , Earl Bourner, Denise Haylett, Sarah Feasey, Terry Edwards	
177	2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the meeting held on 16 th December 2020 to be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record. <i>Change: Tim Sanderson is a member of the Flood committee not a flood warden.</i> Minutes approved and signed as a true and accurate record.	
178	3. APPOINTMENTS/CHANGES TO COMMITTEE AND WARDENS. None to note.	
179	4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT COVERED IN CURRENT AGENDA. None to note.	
180	5. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY REPORT/UPDATE- Matt Gauntlett, Project Manager at the Environment Agency is working to deliver the Five Oak Green Flood Resilience Scheme. Working in partnership with TWBC to deliver property flood resilience measures such as flood doors/barriers etc. to eligible properties around the parish. TWBC is partially funding the scheme and the EA are working to secure further grants up to £7500 per property. To date there are 34 residential properties and 3 businesses who are interested in the scheme.	

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181	<p>6. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – REVIEW OF FLOOD INVESTIGATION REPORT - FIVE OAK GREEN REPORT- Max Tant- KCC have published the draft of the report, there is still opportunity to comment. Cllr Patterson raised the issue of the flooding in Nortons Way which seemed to come from the back of the houses as well as a detached pipe on the pathway. KCC are currently investigating this issue.</p>	<p>For any further questions or comments on the report please contact Max Tant Max.Tant@kent.gov.uk</p>
	<p>7. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – REPORT/UPDATE- Nothing further to note in addition to item 6.</p>	
	<p>8. KENT HIGHWAYS REPORT/UPDATE - Earl Bourner has given his apologies.</p>	<p>Please continue to report issues such as gullies etc. to Kent Highways</p>
	<p>9. SOUTHERN WATER REPORT/UPDATE – Sarah Feasey has sent her apologies. They are escalating the issue of the pipe that continues to burst opposite Capel Grange Lodge. They hope to be able to come up with a scheme within the next 6 months. This contradicted information previously sent to the Clerk. The Clerk is currently waiting on a reply.</p>	
	<p>10. SOUTH EAST WATER REPORT/UPDATE – Dean Morrison mentioned that they are working on the land to the North West of Pembury reservoir, focusing on natural flood management. Dean is moving on to another project and thanked the community for their support.</p>	
	<p>11. TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT/UPDATE</p> <p>Denise Haylett sent her apologies but sent an email with an update on the Flood Alleviation Scheme- please see below:</p> <p>34 Properties and 3 Businesses have accepted to date for the scheme. Below sets out the stages for this scheme:</p> <p><u>Stage 1 – FDGiA Government Funding – March/April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Full Business Case approval for Flood Defense Grant in Aid (FDGiA) funding. <p><u>Stage 2 - Detailed Survey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A member of the Environment Agency and the appointed specialist contractor will attend each individual property to undertake a detailed survey. · The contractor will determine the build type of the property and recommend the most suitable bespoke PFR measures to be implemented. · The recommendations will be fully explained during this survey and any questions can be asked to ensure the homeowner is fully understanding of the proposal. <p><u>Stage 3 - Homeowner Agreement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The formal recommendations will be placed into a homeowner agreement where the homeowner will be given a period of time 	

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	<p>to review the measures and decide if they would like to proceed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Any recommendations over the £7500 limit will be made clear to the homeowner and informed of the contribution top-up required. · Please note the £7500 limit is enough to fully protect an average sized home. · If they are happy they will be required to sign and date the agreement at which point the contractor will be able to formally place an order for manufacture. · The contractor will then arrange a suitable date for installation convenient for both parties. <p><u>Stage 4 - Installation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Measures will be custom made to order and brought to site by the contractor. · Specialist installers will fit each measure over the course of 1-2 days. · A formal handover will be provided with the homeowner where deployment instructions and product explanation will be undertaken. · A handover pack will also be provided. <p><u>Stage 5 - Post-Installation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Within 12 months of installation a mock flood exercise will be held for homeowners to practice their full deployment <p>Robert Assirati raised the question of using the grant towards collective flood defense.</p>	<p>CLlr Mackonochie to raise this with Denise Haylett</p>
	<p>12. FLOOD WARDENS REPORT/UPDATE – Fairly quiet since the last minute. Two visits from the EA.</p>	
	<p>13. PARISH FLOOD SOURCES/RISK AREAS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Postern - Nothing to note. b) Culvert - Goldsmid Hall – Tudeley Nothing to note. c) Alders area including culvert - Orchard Cottage Pleased to see this area has not flooded. d) Alders Stream Trash Screen B2017 Nothing to note. e) Queens Head/Pendore area Nothing to note. f) Centre of Five Oak Green Sewage incident between 29/01/21- 02/02/21 g) Attenuation Tank, Forge Close Southern Water confirmed there is an attenuation tank which was inspected and cleaned in October. It is now on an 18 month schedule. h) Kings Head Cottages Nothing to note. i) B2017 by Capel Grange Lodge Nothing to note j) Stonecastle Nothing to note. 	
	<p>14. GENERAL – ROAD GULLIES Several drains were cleaned in the last month including the corner of Sychem Lane and Five Oak Green road. The drains outside Stream cottage have also been cleared. Megan highlighted the gully at the lower end of the Green which had not been jetted.</p>	<p>Please continue to report any issues to KCC.</p>
	<p>15. NATIONAL FLOOD FORUM – No report given.</p>	

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	<p>16. OTHER ITEMS</p> <p>a) Arising from the Parish Council and Local Residents not covered above Nothing to note.</p>	
	<p>17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 29th October 2021</p>	

M Boyle, Clerk

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