

MINUTES

For Meeting Held Between HVDIG and HVRA via Zoom Thursday 28th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Peter Cannon (Chairman, HVRA), Paul Woodford (Treasurer and Acting Chairman, HVDIG), Matt Hopkins (Deputy Chairman, HVDIG), Sarah Mustapha (Secretary, HVDIG), Debs Lemon (Deputy Secretary, HVDIG)

	Action
<p>1.Introduction of Peter Cannon and vote on new Chairman</p> <p>Introductions were made between Peter Cannon (PC) and the attending HVDIG members. It was agreed that PC will act as Chairman for future HVDIG meetings.</p>	
<p>2.Integration of HVDIG into HVRA</p> <p>Constitution:</p> <p>PC felt that there was no need to change the HVRA constitution at present but that changes may need to be made in future i.e. when closing down the HVDIG bank account.</p> <p>Funding and HVDIG Bank Balance:</p> <p>Paul Woodford (PW) noted that once the website has been paid for, a small sum of money will be left to feed into the HVRA bank account. The DIG bank account will then need to be closed.</p> <p>Renaming & website changes, possible Facebook presence:</p> <p>The HVDIG website is to remain the same but will be hosted by the HVRA in order to save costs. PW felt that the website could do with some rebranding to bring it into line with that of the HVRA and will be talking to Andrew Capey to discuss this in more detail and how email addresses will work from now on. The HVDIG will now be renamed as 'HVRA Drainage Improvement Group'.</p>	PW/AC

<p>How we work from now on:</p> <p>PC to chair all future AGM meetings and attend any others. It is hoped that we may be able to meet in late Spring for a face-to-face meeting. As Treasurer, PW will be attending HVRA meetings on a monthly basis and can report on drainage issues there as well as being able to interface with David Carroll (County Councillor) and parish councillors.</p>	
<p>3. Recent Actions</p> <p>BRAVA Workshop:</p> <p>Matt Hopkins (MH) and PW attended the recent BRAVA workshop which pulled together various agencies to discuss drainage issues. This will be the first of many meetings which both MH/PW will continue to attend.</p> <p>PC asked if Thames Water had followed up with promised information following the meeting. This related to Andrew Hagger who was minuted to share data on flows and or models for Hughenden Valley. Nothing received so far. PW will chase.</p> <p>It was noted that pressure needs to be kept on Highways for Bucks in relation to keeping the new drains and gulleys clear along Valley Road and Coombe Lane after the works that took place last Summer.</p> <p>Pumping Station:</p> <p>It was noted that a significant amount of water sits in the ditch opposite the pumping station. PW to contact Affinity Water (again) to see that this is draining properly.</p> <p>Trees Road & Trees Avenue plus all Valley Road drains - 2021 & onward:</p> <p>A WhatsApp Group has now been mobilised to arrange clearance of the drain at the bottom of Trees Road when it is blocked and this seems to be working well. PW noted that despite requests posted on FixMyStreet regarding blocked drains on Warrendene Road, the response from Highways for Bucks has been inadequate.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>PW</p>

Rosemary of the HVRA had been chasing up the Trees Rd work via James Tunnard. MH thought that was OK but advised that James doesn't schedule the work. MH felt that it was worth persevering with reporting the problems because once they are eventually logged, problems can be chased. PW advised that Matt's Fix My Street case response did say that the Trees Rd work should be done mid-February.

Boss Lane corner:

The drainage between Broomhedge and the corner bungalow on Boss Lane remains an issue and MH is sure that the pipework underneath the two properties is too small, resulting in a bottleneck. The issues need to be revisited when there is a problem with drainage to establish what is going wrong.

MH is still trying to establish where the Highway ends and property ownership begins so that we can move forward on this issue. MH to speak to Jonathan Roberts (Transport for Bucks) to see if he can link drainage on Boss Lane into other issues.

MH

Riparian Rights & Corporate Governance:

Riparian rights are something that the DIG need to monitor over time. The one current issue that Matt & the DIG will try to progress is clarifying who has responsibilities for the stream at the corner of Boss Lane.

MH

The fact that BCC is responsible for both drainage issues as well as enforcing the work that needs to be carried out has never been fully resolved. On balance, it was felt that this was pursued by Dave White (previous HVDIG Chair) to its fullest conclusion and that it would be pointless to try any further.

BRAVA & DEFRA Flood Resilience Project:

Whilst funding has been secured for putting more monitoring/alerting systems in place, MH noted that these may not be used in Hughenden Valley and that existing systems were more than adequate.

WhatsApp workgroup for Trees Road & Avenue:

<p>As above.</p> <p>Research Flood Risk points:</p> <p>PW highlighted the flood risk points at the Harrow pub, Warrendene Rd and Hatches Lane and wondered if something could be done about these. MH noted that the many drainage assets are now registered and could be pinpointed on FixMyStreet if there was a problem.</p> <p>Work towards improving Hugh Valley Road drains maintenance:</p> <p>Regarding how often drains and gulleys should be cleaned PW advised that the Fix My Street website stated 3 years generally but every year for flood risk areas.</p> <p>PC raised local concerns about the Clappins Lane development and the additional strain it would cause on local sewer systems. PW noted that this was mentioned during the recent BRAVA workshop. MH feels that the system is adequate provided water ingress into sewage pipes is minimised and that the water table remains at a level that does to impact on capacity. This is an issue for TW.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Debs Lemon (DL) feels that in terms of corporate governance, it would be prudent to see where exactly we got to with this issue. PW to find the email that clarifies this and will check back with David White.</p> <p>Debs asked about how to escalate a Fix My Street problem. PW thought this could only be done by recalling the case in the FMS website and entering an escalation message via the Update mechanism.</p>	<p>PW</p>