

## NOTES FOR DIG MEETING

19th October 2022 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Peter Spence (Chairman, HVRA), Paul Woodford (Treasurer, HVRA), Matt Hopkins (Deputy Chair, DIG), Simon Kearey (Hughenden Parish Council), Sam Morrison

Apologies: Sara Mustapha, Debs & Iain Lemon

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<p><b>1. Introduction to Peter Spence</b></p> <p>Paul introduced the new HVRA Chair Peter Spence to the meeting and explained that Peter Cannon had now resigned as HVRA Chair and also as the DIG chair.</p> <p>In addition, Sarah Mustapha had stepped down as Secretary.</p>	
<p><b>2. Introduction to Peter of DIG Activities and general updates</b></p> <p>2.1 Ashdene/Boss Lane</p> <p>Matt Sam and Paul provided a history of the Boss Lane issues, including the various attempts over recent years of our attempting to engage Bucks CC in resolving the flood risks in this area.</p> <p>Our most recent work was to try and get a GRACE project funding for improving the run of the stream. Matt reported that our proposal has been rejected for funding.</p> <p>It was agreed by all that we should take no further action at this time, but we will monitor the situation and resurrect actions if flooding occurs or further funding possibilities emerge.</p> <p>2.2 Affinity</p> <p>It has been two years since we requested Affinity to survey the pipes under the pumping station. Paul has now established</p>	<p>Paul will chase up.</p>

contact with Alexandra Bartlett, an Estates Mgr at Affinity, who has promised to organise a site meeting.

### 2.3 The Stream from the Harrow

At the last meeting in March, we had expressed concern about the piped section of the stream running from the Harrow to Deeters.

Following this, we requested Bucks CC to inspect the run for silting. We understand that this has been done and all is OK, although no details are available of the work carried out.

### 2.4 Trees Road

Paul expressed disappointment that the Trees Rd WhatsApp group had failed to continue clearing their drainage grids and there was some opposition when Paul tried to encourage the work to be done.

We will try again next month but at the same time Paul has issued a request to Bucks CC via FixMyStreet to clear the grids and drains there on a goodwill basis. No commitment on that yet.

Paul to follow up.

### 2.5 Thames Water DWMP

Paul provided a brief outline of the nature of the Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan. This is Thames Water's 25 year plan for the development of the sewage network.

An update to the draft plan was produced in July, but we have not been able to obtain any detailed aspects relating to Hughenden Valley. However, what we do know relating to the Little Marlow area, which covers Hughenden Valley is the following:

- Major upgrade to the Little Marlow Sewage Treatment Works
- Continued Surface Water Management (essentially sealing manholes)
- Lining of sewers where leaks found

### 3. Nature & Scope of DIG

There was discussion about the size and scope of the DIG, the significant points being that numbers attending meetings were reduced to a small core of members. It was noted that this would change rapidly if & when future flood events occurred.

The reduced attendance is in part due to reduced risk attributable to dry weather, but also:

- The DIG has been able to reduce drainage and sewage risk through the major road drainage works carried out near the village hall
- The sewage overpumping units held by Thames Water, which can be installed at short notice to take the pressure off the main sewer by diverting into the winterbourne course.

It was felt that the DIG organisation should continue its watch over Hughenden Valley and will continue to report regularly through the HVRA.

It was decided that we will work to simplify the organisation and the constitution.

Paul will follow up with Peter Spence to look at the constitution and future modus operandi