

## NOTES OF DIG MEETING

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Attendees: David Carroll (Bucks CC), Paul Woodford, Debs & Iain Lemon, Simon Kearey (HPC), Simon Cook

Apologies: Sarah Mustapha, Rebecca Morrison, Matt Hopkins

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<p><b>1. 10 Years of the DIG</b></p> <p>The DIG was formed in 2014 at the time of the flooding early that year, and hence has been running for 10 years. The meeting conducted a review of the significant events of the 10 years. Brief summary of major points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Stream, road and sewage overflows Jan/Feb 2014</li><li>- Support of David Liddington MP and David Carroll Bucks CC in formation of DIG.</li><li>- Liaison with Thames Water to improve response and carry out tankering, then install of overpumping in Valley to reduce sewer network pressure.</li><li>- Matt Hopkins and David White spearheaded approach to Bucks CC on ongoing flood management.</li><li>- Meetings with Bucks CC and TW flood analysis with Atkins, Presentation to Bucks Select Committee, Pursuit of Boss Lane riparian &amp; other issues.</li><li>- Flooding of Valley Rd near Village Hall and involvement of Jonathan Roberts resulting in improved drainage and road camber works in 2018.</li></ul> <p>We gave special thanks to David Carroll for all his support over the years and thanks to both David and Simon K for coming along to this meeting.</p> <p><b>2. Current DIG Focus</b></p> <p>Our current focus now is primarily on maintenance watch:</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Checking road drains, stream culverts kept clear</li> <li>- Ditches Valley and Warrendene Rds</li> <li>- Pumping Station culverts</li> <li>- Other issues as they arise</li> </ul>	
<p>The Harrow was flooded in September in yard immediately outside building. We have visited, also raised FixMyStreet case to check and clear drains. The DIG believes further work needed to lessen flooding risks and Davd C will chase up finding a suitable contact for us in drainage as Jonathan Roberts believed no longer available to us.</p> <p>Regarding Thames Water we are trying to find a suitable replacement for our former contact Darren Trenchard. We have been pointed initially to the Developer Services Team within TW, details:</p> <p>"You can contact our Developer Services team they will be able to assist with advice and guidance in regard to planning.</p> <p>You can call them using their contact number <b>0800 009 3921</b> lines are open 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. They're closed on bank holidays."</p> <p><b>3. Thames Water Plans</b></p> <p>Spotted online recently regarding TW plans:</p> <p>Little Marlow STW</p> <p>An upgrade is planned for Little Marlow STW. This will improve its ability to treat the volumes of incoming sewage, reducing the need for untreated discharges in wet weather. The scheme, which is still being designed, is likely to complete in 2027.</p> <p>We're also investigating the impact of groundwater on the sewer network in this area. This will help inform our long-term planning.</p> <p>Paul Woodford 2 Dec 2023</p>	<p>David Carroll &amp; PBW</p> <p>PBW follow up</p>