



**MINUTES OF THE HANNEYS FLOOD GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022**

**Nightingale Cottage 18:30**

**Present:** Clive Manvell, Phil Manvell, David Stubbington, Ann Stubbington, Paul Sayers, Kay Sayers, Jane Taylor, Ian Green, Dickon Green, Oliver Cornish, Mick Mantle, Marion Mantle, James Smith, Adrian Bodimeade, Sue Bodimeade.

**Apologies:** Clive Fewins, Keith Chisholm, Meryl Chisholm, Adam Kozlowski, Peter Miller-Smith, Stewart Scott, David Blomley, Richard Parsons, Gill Lowe, Lamorna Zambellas, Stella Brecknell, Mark Bradfield, Jim Taylor, Andrew Wastie, Ken and Laura Makin

**Matters arising from the 2021 AGM:**

The Chairman commented that no news or updates had been received from the Imperial College team on the progress or otherwise of developing **water level monitors**. Two prototype development monitors were installed during 2020 with some data being recovered. Unless further updates are forthcoming HFG will reluctantly have to regard this important project as no longer alive.

**Mapping project:** No volunteer with the necessary IT skills has come forward. This potentially very important project remains dormant.

**Annual maintenance:** This was successfully trialled in July this year. Longer and warmer days made this task easier than sheltering from the elements in chilly winter months. It also meant that wildlife was undisturbed at this crucial time. Ensuring that tools and equipment are returned cleaned and oiled to the Hanney Hut after each use also minimises the amount of work to do on the annual maintenance day. It should be noted that the tyres of the trailer, wheelbarrows and sack truck appear to need to be checked and adjusted every 4 months.

**Chairman's Report:** See separate document on the website.

**Working Party Photographic Report:** See separate document on the website.

**Letcombe Brook Project:** See separate document on the website.

**Finance Report:** See separate document on the website. The accounts were adopted by the members present at the meeting.

**Election of Officers:** The Constitution requires 4 Officers – Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Currently and re-elected for 2022-2023.

Chairman: Clive Manvell

Vice-Chairman: David Stubbington

Treasurer: Jane Taylor

Secretary: David Blomley

**Review of Risk Assessment:** No alterations were tabled for the HFG Risk Assessment which was updated in previous years to take account of the pandemic and presence of Wile's disease in waterways harbouring rats.

For the record the annual lifejacket inspection and safety check, Jeyes fluid application to the concrete step and ramp (slippery safety issue), trailer tyres, wheelbarrow tyres, sack truck tyres checks have all been done. The Hanney Hut needed a spring clean, masses of cobwebs and dead spiders were removed! The equipment inventory has been checked and updated with recent additions including the platform truck donated by WHPC, lightweight shears, new waders and strimmer.

**AOB:**

**Damaged bank below the Iron Bridge.** The Chairman outlined that the damaged rendered by some dog owners and their pets to the east bank below the Iron Bridge renders the village vulnerable to flooding. The Chairman will raise the matter with EHPC the riparian owner and responsible for this land. Work is needed in conjunction with the EA. Action CM.

**First Aid Course.** An offer to run a focussed first aid course by Marion Mantle for HFG and Community Woodland volunteers was warmly received. This will hopefully take place before Christmas. Action CM and MM.

**Hanney Hut Security.** There are signs that persons unknown may have tried to gain entry to the Hanney Hut sometime during May. They did not succeed. In view of that and that travellers are periodically reported in the vicinity looting for places to camp, the up-and-over garage door has been further secured by application of two nuts and bolts, which will have to be removed and replaced each time. A more elegant and practical solution is being sought. Action CM.

**Thanks:** On behalf of the HFG the Chairman thanked Jane Taylor for managing the accounts with Mark Smith verifying the annual report; Mark Bradfield for his direction and support with working parties, Adam Kozlowski for running the HFG website, Phil Manvell for undertaking the phosphate and nitrate sampling and the river fly monitoring project with Stella Brecknell, David Stubbington, Ian and Dickon Green for towing the trailer, EHPC and WHPC for the annual funding and WHPC for the Woodland hand cart, the 33 volunteers who have turned out this past 12 months and to David and Ann Stubbington for hosting this evening's AGM.