



**THE HANNEYS FLOOD GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021**

**Hanney Hut 18:00**

**Apologies:** Lynda Scott, David Blomley, Adam Kozlowski, Dickon Green, Meryl Chisholm.

**Attendees:** Clive Manvell, Phil Manvell, Stewart Scott, Lamorna Zambellas, Paul Sayer, Jane Taylor, Andrew Wastie, Adrian Bodimeade, Clive Fewins, Ian Green, Graham Garner, Mark Bradfield, Keith Chisholm, David Stubbington.

**Matters arising from the 2020 zoom AGM:**

We identified a need for additional Team Leaders to take responsibility for organising and running working party sessions. Stewart Scott, Keith Chisholm, David Stubbington, David Blomley and Mark Bradfield all volunteered to act as Team Leaders. Not had much opportunity to put this in practice yet.

The Committee - Post meeting note: The Constitution requires HFG has 4 Officers – Chairman, Vice chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. The responsibilities were allocated amongst the committee members.

Imperial College Water Level Monitor Project - We have two monitors which have been collecting data since they were installed - the first one (just upstream of Dandridge's mill, (in Old Mill House's garden), from June 2020, and the second (upstream of the Iron Bridge) from around August 2020.

Simon Mould has some initial data from the first sensor which he downloaded at the end of last summer, but otherwise he has not been able to get to the devices because of lockdowns etc. Nevertheless, the batteries ought to last >1 year, so we should have a good record of levels for the last year.

The development of a real time system continues - some prototypes have been installed in the Himalaya which seem to be working OK. Simon has also made progress on a website to display the data in real time. Simon hopes to be able to install one of these prototypes in Hanney over this summer.

Mapping Project – this intended mapping project uses information drawn from the internet, recording flood history and enables flooding prediction, based on water courses, buildings, and other obstructions. Our parishes need to draw up similar plans and a recording of the demonstration from NFF was circulated. The mapping project intends to map all the water courses in East and West Hanney as well as Letcombe Brook and Childrey Brook feeding into the River Ock.

**Working Party Reports:** See website for the photographic report and the reports for the pandemic working parties.

**Letcombe Brook Project:** Mark Bradfield, Letcombe Brook Project Manager's report to the LBP Steering Group is posted on the HFG website and on the LBP website.

**Finance Report:** See the HFG website for the detailed finance report prepared by Jane Taylor and verified by Mark Smith.

From time to time we have received donations from individuals and other village organisations. To make life easier for those people kind enough to donate and to make it easier for the Treasurer of course we have created a “Donate” button on The HFG Website. Many thanks to Adam for enabling this.

**Election of Officers:** The Constitution requires 4 Officers – Chairman, Vice chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Elected unopposed:

Chairman: Clive Manvell

Vice-Chairman: David Stubbington

Treasurer: Jane Taylor

Secretary: David Blomley

Website: Adam Kozlowski

**Review of Risk Assessment:** During the year the Risk Assessment was updated to reflect the Covid-19 pandemic and several COVID-Safe Working Practices and Procedures were developed. Basically, we have been working in small teams, not sharing equipment using our own tools and gloves wherever possible, sanitising equipment after use and following Government social distancing, face covering requirements as the pandemic unfolded. Where specific equipment such as waders and lifejackets have been required these have been provided to key volunteers. Various documents were added to the HFG website detailing the thought processes behind the updating of the Risk Assessment to include COVID-Safe working practices. Additional measures now include the provision of hand sanitiser, disinfection of HFG tools after each session. Procedures were trialled and modified before issue.

#### **Future Plans:**

Shift the annual maintenance session to May or June because of nesting birds – plenty of daylight hours and good weather to deal with unplanned issues. We can also do some training with the Emergency Equipment in the summer months.

For the record the annual lifejacket inspection and safety check, Jeyes fluid the concrete step and ramp (slippery surface safety issue), trailer tyres, wheelbarrow tyres, sack truck tyre checks have all been done. The Hanney Hut needs a spring clean!

**Thanks:** David S, Ian and Dickon for turning out to every working party and for towing the new trailer, Mark for support and advice, Adam for work on the website, East and West Hanney Parish Councils for funding, Jane for looking after the finances with Mark Smith seeing the accounts were in order, Phil and Stella for the river fly monitoring, Phil for the phosphate and nitrate sampling and to everyone else for their volunteer working party roles, especially the special forces teams during lockdowns.

Clive Manvell

**Chairman The Hanneys Flood Group.**