

The Hanneys Flood Group 2011 AGM Minutes

21st July 2011

Present (12 persons)

Steve Kendall
Paul Dyer
Stewart Scott
Dickon Green
Ian Green
Bob Wilson
Alan Miles
David Price
Alan Francis
Jan Francis
Jean Hinckley.
Hilda Spencer

Review of year activities.

Full details are available on the web site, but in summary the work completed since the last AGM was as follows:

- June – Wild flower planting along the Letcombe brook by the iron Bridge
- July – Work upstream of Lower Mill including removal of Himalyan Balsam
- August – Cleared fallen trees on the Childrey Brook at West Hanney
- September – Working with the community payback team between Dandridge's Mill and the iron Bridge.
- October – Working between the iron bridge and Lower Mill
- November – Clearing rubbish from behind Brookside.
- April – Iron Bridge to Lower Mill
- May – Working upstream of Dandridge's Mill and drain at West Hanney
- June – Drain and ditch work at West Hanney
- July - Community pay back team working between Dandridge's Mill and Lower Mill and a second team working downstream of Lower Mill.

Also in June the work on lowering the fixed section of the Lower Mill weir was completed.

In addition to these working parties we also supported the following events

- October 2010 – Self-help flood action group workshop organised by HR Wallingford and the Environment Agency.
- April 2011 – Review of flood map by the Environment Agency
- March 2011 – Exercise Water mark emergency planning event in Oxford

Comments and issues

The land at the top of Ebbs Lanes is apparently owned by Builders called Builders Ede Ltd. The ditch could do with clearing out. Action to contact Jonathan Ede

Some ditches along Main Street in East Hanney could do with clearing out but disposal of material could be a problem. Perhaps encourage owners to do more and dispose in Brown bins.

Botney bridge has flooded this year. Is more maintenance required? The Childrey brook will be on the schedule for the next year.

It would be good idea to have a first aid kit when we are working. Paul Sayers volunteered to organise a first aid kit.

Could we organise some on call first aiders? Everyone to ask around for volunteers to go on a rota.

We should ensure someone has a telephone in each working party.

Larger schemes

Stewart Scott presented the ideas for a storm water storage scheme at Willow Walk in Wantage. This would store storm water during periods of peak flow and then allow gradual draining back into the Letcombe Brook. This scheme is supported by the Environment Agency but needs further modelling work.

Accounts

Steve Kendall our Treasurer presented the accounts and are as follows

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| Opening Balance | 2442.66 |
| Expenditure | |
| Waders, lifejackets, drain rods | 578.20 |
| Insurance | 277.26 |
| Skip hire | 159.00 |
| Income | |
| OCC | 357.54 |
| Closing Balance | 1785.74 |

Thanks

Special thanks are to Adam Kozlowski for doing our web site and to Nicky Kauert for allowing us to store the trailer.

Election of committee

The current committee consisted of

Stewart Scott – Chairman
Alan Miles – Deputy chairman
Steve Kendall – Treasurer
Paul Dyer

All four agreed to stand again and were duly elected by the members present.