

# The Hanneys Flood Group AGM

9<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Present ; S Scott, P Karney, I Green, D Green, A Miles, K Diement, G Langton, G Garner, J Kent, P Dyer, R Pitchard, P Manvell, C Manvell, E Batemen, I Batemen, D Price, P Sayers, J Scott, S Kendal.

1. Minutes of the Last meeting.

These were read out and accepted as a true record.

2. Election of officers

Stewart, Steve, Alan and Paul agreed to stand again as the flood group committee and this was agreed by everyone present.

3. Finance

S Kendall presented a statement of income and expenditure as follows.

<b>The Hanneys Flood Group</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>08-Jul-12</b>			
		<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Balance</b>
30-Jun-11	Opening balance			1,587.20
06-Jul-11	Skip hire	159.00		1,428.20
27-Jul-11	Oxfordshire County Council		357.54	1,785.74
19-Oct-11	First Aid kit	16.02		1,769.72
18-Nov-11	VoWHDC Grant		1,000.00	2,769.72
30-Nov-11	Tools - Builders Level	190.80		2,578.92
31-Dec-11	Tools - Pole Saw	70.66		2,508.26
20-Apr-12	2-way Radios	193.19		2,315.07
03-May-12	Flood sacks + ladder	351.84		1,963.23
06-Jun-12	Annual Insurance premium	276.26		1,686.97
30-Jun-11	<b>Balance in hand per Bank Statement</b>			<b>£1,686.97</b>
	<b>Debtors</b>			
25-Jun-12	HFG Banner	65.00		
	<b>Totals for year</b>	<b>1,322.77</b>	<b>1,357.54</b>	<b>1,621.97</b>

#### 4. Web site

Adam Kozlowski provided the following statistics on the web site. The Chairman thanked Adam for his work in maintaining a wonderful web site which is of great benefit. This is obviously very popular.

### **WWW.THEHANNEYSFLOODGROUP.ORG.UK**

Month	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2011	262	1102	4538	87.13 MB
Feb 2011	271	896	3655	93.76 MB
Mar 2011	335	1371	3918	115.80 MB
Apr 2011	299	1421	4397	114.72 MB
May 2011	364	2335	7757	206.09 MB
Jun 2011	266	1000	4091	100.70 MB
Jul 2011	287	1186	3605	124.49 MB
Aug 2011	299	1298	3509	108.45 MB
Sep 2011	327	3158	9812	213.35 MB
Oct 2011	306	2048	7060	191.67 MB
Nov 2011	99	273	807	34.50 MB
Dec 2011	229	507	1321	52.71 MB
Jan 2012	309	680	2270	76.35 MB
Feb 2012	265	607	2037	65.02 MB
Mar 2012	290	553	1449	81.47 MB
Apr 2012	344	1919	6328	109.46 MB
May 2012	354	2690	8536	135.51 MB
Jun 2012	385	1159	3177	110.95 MB

#### 5. Environment Agency Changes

Stewart reported that the Environment Agency had been going through some changes. In West Thames Ian Thomes will be leading new 'Partnership and Strategy Overview' Teams. We expect to be contacted by a new person who will be our contact in this new team shortly. Barry Russell will be

the Operations Manager for Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. He will oversee the field teams responding to flooding and pollution incidents.

#### 6. Sandbags

Stewart reminded everyone that the Vale of White Horse District Council will not guarantee the supply of sandbags during a flood. The Hanneys flood Group had also decided that it was impractical to store sand and sandbags and transport them from one end of the village to another in flood conditions. The best solution is those residents who are at risk of flooding should provide their own flood defences which should ideally be engineered flood barriers rather than sand bags.

#### 7. BTCV Grant

The flood group applied for a grant for tools from BTCV and were successful. A couple of examples of the tools provided were shown at the meeting.

#### 8. Property Insurance

Some residents had found reasonable insurance at NFU Mutual who have offices in East Challow.

#### 9. EA Flood warnings

Some residents had found that had been dropped from the EA flood warning system and some residents had found that the EA refused to let them join. Stewart said he would take this up with the EA.

#### 10. Wildlife

Many sightings have been made of Water voles recently. However Mr and Mrs Batemen reported that all their fish had been eaten by a Mink. Stewart said he would report this to the Sally Wallington of the Letcombe brook project and she may want to set up traps for mink. The Himalayan Balsam is growing again and Mr and Mrs Manvell had started to remove some of it. It was hoped to organise an evening of balsam bashing but the weather had been not very encouraging to such evening activities.

#### 11. Botney Bridge

The road leading out of West Hanney continues to be a problem despite all the maintenance done over the past few years. A survey of the road height had been carried out by Chis Surnam and Stewart. Oxfordshire highways had estimated the cost of increasing the road height based upon this survey as £55,000.

#### 12. Housing developments

A response had been received from the Grove Airfield developers about our questions regarding the flood risk assessment. Further calculations are to be provided in an Addendum which is expected to be published in July. The Hanneys flood Group are very concerned about the developments and are pressing for guarantees that any flood management proposals stated in the assessment are implemented fully and that this can be inspected and measured during construction.

### 13. Modifications to front gardens

Stewart mentioned again that any changes to front gardens that include non permeable surfaces greater than 4 square metres requires planning permission. Guidance notes from the Government will be put on our web site shortly and a note will be put in the next Hanney News.

### 14. Pumps

A pump was demonstrated at the meeting which does not require a sump. The pump is a Homa Sensoflat C237 WF. It starts pumping at only 5mm and pumps down to 2mm.

### 15. Plans for next year.

The plan was to carry on the same format, not working during the winter and concentrating on the Letcombe brook and childery brook. There was talk of some residents not clearing out ditches and should the flood group do this. The problem is that we do not have enough volunteers to tackle anything except the major brooks. The responsibility is with the riparian owner which is usually the land adjacent. If there are persistent problems we may be able to get the District Council to enforce action.

### 16. Final thanks

The chairman thanked everyone for coming and also Nicky Kauert for allowing storage of our trailer.