

The Hanneys Flood Group AGM

Date

29th June 2019.

Location

East Hanney Village Green

Present

Clive Manvell, Phil Manvell, Alan miles (part), Stewart Scott, Dickon Green, Ian Green, David Blomley, Bob Wilson, Joy Wilson, Kate Walsh, Myfanwy Jones, Guy Langton, Sue Bodimead, Adrian Bodimead, Jane Taylor, Jim Taylor, Clive Fewins, Ann Fewins, Keith Chisholm, Meryl Chisholm, Barry Sutton, Diane Sutton, Clive Fewins, Anne Fewins.

Apologies

Jim Stagg, Anna Stagg, Gill Parry, Stephanie Scott, Steve Kendall, Lamorna Zambellas, Adam Kozlowski, Stella Brecknell, David Corps, Denis Houldey, James Smith, Patrick Karney.

Report on works this year

Clive Manvell gave a report on the activities for the year which are all documented on the web site.

As well as regular maintenance of the local water ways and ditches there was a lot of work in managing Himalayan Balsam which is a non-native Invasive species. Clive reported that there does seem to be a reduced amount this year thanks to a lot of work in previous years, it does spread very quickly and so does need constant attention.

This year the Emergency response team applied for a grant from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks for a permanent shed and equipment. This is to be used by the Emergency response team, the Community Woodland Group and the Hanneys Flood Group. The application was successful and the team of Clive Manvell, David Stubbington and Keith Chisholm worked very hard in managing this project. A hard standing has been built, the shed installed and electrical power connected. The next stage is to purchase equipment and install shelving. The Flood Group equipment will be stored in this new shed and the existing horse box trailer replaced with a smaller, lockable, trailer that can be stored inside the shed.

The general work on the streams and ditches continues with occasionally large fallen trees to be cut up and removed. Typically, 8-16 people ~~will~~ attend and although there is a core team some members ~~will~~ come on an occasional basis. This works very well but more help would always be appreciated.

The Flood Group had a stand at the 2018 Hanney Michaelmas fair. Despite the wet weather it was well attended, helped to spread the word about the Flood Group and the interest generated some donations from both individuals and local organisations.

Work on the data logger is progressing with some recent work by David Price. The aim is to get the on line rainfall gauge working first and then the ultrasonic water level gauge.

Web Site statistics

The web site continues to be used as an effective method of communication, recoding information on activities and sharing knowledge. This is maintained by Adam Kozlowski. Data on number of visits is given below.

WWW.THEHANNEYSFLOODGROUP.ORG.UK

Month	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Jul-18	397	982	2,415
Aug-18	299	692	1,709
Sep-18	306	743	1,894
Oct-18	867	2,045	3,244
Nov-18	1,651	4,612	6,503
Dec-18	560	1,426	2,950
Jan-19	294	618	1,477
Feb-19	385	814	2,049
Mar-19	175	324	695
Apr-19	345	737	1,757
May-19	370	844	1,946
Jun-19	419	902	2,325

TOTALS:	6,068	14,739	28,964
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Election of officers

The existing committee consisting of Stewart Scott (Chairman) and Clive Manvell (Committee member) were re-elected unanimously. Jane Taylor took over the role as financial officer during the year from Steve Kendall who was also confirmed unanimously.

Finance report

Jane Taylor presented the accounts which had been checked by Patrick Karney. The accounts were more complicated this year as the Flood Group managed the finances associated with the grant and costs of the new storage shed. It was noted that the cost of the shed was slightly more than that provided in the grant but this would be funded by the Flood Group. There is some money in the grant for emergency equipment which had not yet been spent.

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Income and Expenditure account for the 11 months ended 31st May 2019

Unrestricted income and expenses

£

Income Unrestricted donations

WHPC	750.00	
EHPC	1,750.00	
Individuals	100.00	
		2600.00

Expenditure

Insurance	281.96	
Thames Conservation Volunteers	38.00	
Bank charges	54.00	
Sundry items (each item less than £15)	86.29	
		460.25

Excess of income over expenditure

2139.75

Additional expenses relating to new building

Planning application	234.00	
Excess of cost of garage over grant	59.00	
Excess cost of groundworks over grant	89.89	
		382.89

Surplus after exceptional expenditure 1756.86

Funds brought forward (bank balance as at 1 July 2018) 926.50

Unrestricted funds carried forward in bank account

2683.36

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Restricted income and expenses		£
SSEN grant for secure building	10,200.00	
Cost of building	10,259.00	
Excess charged to unrestricted funds		59.00
SSEN grant for groundworks	2,500.00	
Michaelmas Fair donation	200.00	
	2,700.00	
Costs of base	1,839.89	
Electrics	950.00	
	2,789.89	
Excess charged to unrestricted funds		89.89
Hanney News donation for gloves	200.00	
Cost of gloves purchased	82.04	
		117.96
Donations from individuals for life jackets		140.00
SSEN grant for bad weather equipment		1356.24
SSEN grant for flood equipment		1497.90
SSEN grant for specialist equipment		1011.00
Total of restricted funds still to be spent		4123.10
Balance in bank account at 31st May 2019		6806.46
made up of:-		
Unrestricted funds		2683.36
Restricted funds		4123.10

Review of risk assessment

The existing risk assessment was reviewed. This was agreed to be suitable but some suggestions were made. This included raising awareness of Weil's disease, use of poles when wading in muddy sections and awareness of others when cutting branches.



Thanks

The Chairman gave his appreciation of thanks to the many people who have helped over the past year. This included Keith Chisholm, David Stubbington and Clive Manvell for their work on building the new emergency store. All the volunteers attending the monthly working parties. Adam Kozlowski for managing the Flood Group web site. Ian and Dickon Green for pulling the trailer and attending every single working session, Mark Bradfield for his technical advice on best practice for managing the brook ecology. Nicky Kauert for use of her farm for storing the trailer. The East Hanney and West Hanney Parish council for funding, Steve Kendall for managing the finances for the past 10 years, Charlotte Hodgson for the donation of the wine for the AGM. Financial support from William, Pat and Tony Charles, Hanney News, Hanneyfest and the Michaelmas Fayre. Special thanks to Jane Taylor for taking on the role of financial officer.

Philippa Manvell and Stella Brecknell have continued their monthly survey of invertebrate numbers in Letcombe Brook as part of a water quality monitoring initiative, the River Fly Monitoring Project. Each month they take controlled samples from set locations, as others also do along the length of the Brook, and count the various invertebrates present in the sample. The numbers and type of invertebrates present, such as Caddis Fly Larvae, are an indication of the water quality. A significant

drop in numbers might be the result of a pollution incident and trigger an investigation by the EA. This project has been running now for two years and is ongoing.

Future Plans

We will continue with the monthly working parties with extra sessions tackling Himalayan Balsam. The emergency storage shed (Hanney Hut) will be fitted with shelves and the Flood Group will move its equipment into this. A new trailer is required and the existing horse box trailer will need to be sold or disposed of. We plan to have a stand at the 2019 Michaelmas fair and Myfanwy Jones volunteered to coordinate this. The River Fly Monitoring Project will continue to be supported through monthly sampling and reporting.

Stewart Scott

Chairman

23 July 2019