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Flood Emergency Group Meeting Monday 19th June 2023
5:00pm at The High Street, St Mary Bourne

Present: Dave Peart, Ed Makgill, Dave Burlison, Glenn McCubbin (MTS) Floyd Cooper (SW).
Apologies C. Jones.

Floyd Cooper updated the group on longer term projects, namely 'Pathfinder' which terms of reference are looking into adopting new technology to prevent/ repair/eradicate many of the existing issues throughout the region. One of the new technologies adopted is 'electroscan' which uses electric current variation to identify leaks within the system. The project is currently being undertaken in Kimpton/Thrupton and will be completed by 2030.

The group walked the length of the High Street and discussed the ongoing issues, namely the outlet pipe into the Bourne River, opposite the Vicarage. The run of the main and ancillary sewerage pipe down the High Street. The water and sewerage, overflowing via the manhole cover opposite Tudor Cottage. The constant run of water and sewerage from the BT manhole cover adjacent to Crow Cottage. Cleaning of said outflow from the manhole cover & down the High Street. Newly identified issues affecting local resident services were also raised.

The group then discussed the wider implications along the whole valley and the feasibility of setting up a valley Pan Valley Group to meet quarterly with Southern water and MTS. It was noted that current groundwater levels at Vernham Dean have dropped to 110M which is encouraging.

Meeting Concluded at 18:00

See Actions below.

1. Glenn McCubbin to ensure regular cleaning/ disinfecting is continued from the manhole cover at Tudor Cottage and down the High Street, including and up to 'The House'.
2. Floyd Cooper to check if any 'electroscan' has been undertaken in the High Street of SMB. If so can we have a copy of the results.
3. Floyd Cooper to provide map of SMB High Street sewerage system.
4. Floyd Cooper to liaise with Shane Harvell on feasibility study regarding removing 'dog leg' pinch point in existing sewerage system adjacent to 'The Ford' and re-routing of said system along High Street, finding a suitable navigation across the Bourne by the bridge in front of The George, and re connecting to the main sewer in the square.
5. Flood Emergency Group to look at utilising 90° bend at outlet pipe opposite 'The vicarage' to facilitate any outflow along the Bourne River.
6. Flood Emergency Group to look at feasibility of extending said outflow pipe to under the bridge, thus alleviating current backing up when Bourne River levels are high.
7. Floyd Cooper, to look at feasibility of Knapp Cottage sewerage pipe being re-rooted to join existing separate sewerage pipe (servicing Langley Cottage, Hansdale & The Cottage) rather than utilising the existing main Hight St sewerage pipe.
8. Dave Burlison to provide Floyd Cooper with list of residents currently experiencing loss of service (downstairs loo's etc) within their residencies.
9. Dave Peart to ask Sarah Cooney, if she knows 'Janet', who works on a Flood Group in Ampert. If so, she could provide valuable information on the progress of the Pathfinder Project.

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10. Flood Emergency Group to look at the feasibility of Pan Valley Flood Emergency Group, to share best practice.
11. Chase up SW on an update on the fibreglass lining project in Kempton that should confirm their results June 2024.
12. Floyd to confirm a suitable contact in Clean Water with SW, to help investigate the possibility of a mains water leak coming through from the BT manhole.