

Foul Drain overview

We are now advised that Southern Water have a plan. I understand that this has been presented to the Peninsula Drainage Partnership so await information.

Rainwater overview

Highways have visited the gully problem outside lower field - still un resolved. I have sent them further proposals and await some response. It may be that old ditches to the West Side will need reinstatement in order to reduce flooding to houses at the East.

We have made proposals that the peninsula SWMP should be updated to raise the priority of our Parish. it is currently complaints based and we do not have enough residents to score highly.

IDD Abolition

Our letter to The Environment Agency requesting main river status for the Rife has been acknowledged and is under consideration.

We have written to the EA separately and await approval to proceed with plans to lower the Pond water level 200mm and create a flood level Barrier that will add a further 200mm if needed. Also to confirm dredging and clearing of the Rife channel. The Abolition has been postponed until the new year.

Flood prevention group

The West Manhood Drainage Improvement Group has been formed. Announcement as follows:

“West Itchenor and West Wittering have joined forces to form the West Manhood Drainage Improvement Group.

By association with the National Flood Forum and the West Sussex Flood Action Forum, The “Diggers” will have access to funding from Operation Watershed and are working closely with the Manhood FLOW project (fixing and linking our wetlands). The AONB’s drainage into the Harbour is finely balanced and not working well after many years poor control and management. The Harbour Conservancy and the Environment Agency are working with us to manage this better and plan for the future.

Initial funding from the PC’s is allowing coordinated maps to be produced for the first time so that they can plan, restore and enhance the ground drainage network that we rely on and protect our wildlife. You will hear more from them soon and as their work will benefit every individual in the area they will be asking for your assistance”

We are awaiting the return of quotes so that we can commence some work outside Maple Cottage and thr road culvert. Also to apply for further funding. Identification of exisitng ditches and mapping continues.

The Pond

Advice has been requested from the WSCC trees officer so that we can commence clearing some of the coppice without paying to survey every tree. This will be necessary to get the dredging equipment in. Jane reeve is discussing the improved habitat potential with The Conservancy.

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