

### Foul Drain overview

Nothing to report since last meeting. Southern Water have not responded to our meeting.

### Rainwater overview

The owner of Little Court has been in contact with Arun DC who have approved the use of Gabions for Earth retention. Further discussion is required over proper clearance and management trees and bushes in this important drain from the fields and the sump pits at the roadside.

The deep sumps will be cleared with the scheduled Maple Cottage work ditch work.

Notably some residents have made a big effort to clear overgrown ditches setting an example for others to follow. Others have done nothing at all.

### IDD Abolition

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

The Spinney Lane Association are exploring ways of improving the Rife Environment and Drainage to enhance the setting. Any agreement must be carefully controlled.

### The Pond

Whilst we still await permission to lower the pond level at the weir, we have found the original management proposals for when the Parsh acquired the pond. These are attached and we request that the PC resolve to update this, remove the island, and progress a design for a wooded raised walkway around the plot with a bridge over the stream.

### Flood prevention group

We are yet to apply for further Operation Watershed funding. Quotes have been hard to get and seem expensive. we also need to conclude the Pond Design.

Many of the ditches in verges and on the Common are inaccessible and silted up due to overgrown trees and bushes blocking access. This is costly to maintain and volunteers are needed to start a clearing process in the Autumn. We attach some maps indicating areas in need of urgent clearance for digger access and seek approval from the PC.

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