

Since the last Parish Council Meeting I can report as follows.

The Pond.

Chris Watson continues his work with the FLOW team in clearing and maintaining the pond area. The tagging of trees has continued and further tree management continues. Chris is also liaising with the tree surgeons of the Woodger trust. The 'Flow Friday' at the end of the month has been better supported recently.

As agreed by the PC, I have approached Richard Stephens of the Woodger Trust and expressed our desire to renew the Lease for the pond on the same basis as previous when it expires in September of next year. He will revert after discussion with the Trustees.

The Flow team have recommended another contractor who is working at Sidlesham to price the pond dredging. We have met with him and he has a pack of information to price. We have requested this quickly with a view to carrying out the work this year if at all possible.

Drainage Culverts

A second Conway team have jetted the ditch outlet adjacent Martlett cottage. This is now clear but they were unable to proceed North towards Little Court until the large chamber is opened adjacent to it. The final section going north from Martlett to Little court remains unsurveyed. There is also a buried chamber in front of 'Fairway' to the south. There are a number of these chambers that require opening up for clearing as highlighted in the first survey across the common. These will have Riparian ownership issues.

Highways

Adrian Strange is preparing a quote to cut back the trees and bushes around the common to give a clear verge.

The Rife

Riparian Landowners have now received a notice from CDC confirming their responsibility.

Ditches

The Ditch between Gulworthy and Stowfell continues to hold water back and the issue is with WSCC to resolve. The ditch on the lane beside Langley - owned by Rotherwood is also blocked.

Drainage Mapping

There is plenty of updating to do. This includes ditch levels between Shipton Green and Redlands Farm.

Jim Dunn