

CARLTON COLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Flooding Meeting held 27 August 2015 at Carlton Colville Community Centre, Hall Road, Carlton Colville

The meeting was called by Carlton Colville Town Council following the flooding that affected Carlton Colville on 24 and 25 July 2015. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the concerns of residents, understand the current situation from their point of view, and to explain the actions planned by the agencies involved. These actions would be for both the short and long term.

1 Welcome and introductions: The Meeting was introduced by Cllr Jill Tyler, the Vice-Chairman of Carlton Colville Town Council

Attendees:

Members of Carlton Colville Town Council: Cllr Jill Tyler who chaired the Meeting, Cllrs Peter Tyler, Bill Mountford, Derek Fletcher, Paul Radforth, Clare Varela.

Representatives from the following organisations: Waveney District Council, Suffolk County Council, Anglian Water, the Environment Agency, Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit. The above representatives were available to answer residents' questions

Residents of Carlton Colville.

Suffolk County Cllr Peter Byatt, and Waveney District Cllr Paul Light.

Apologies were received from Cllr Alistair Mackie Chair of Carlton Colville Town Council, Suffolk County Cllr Sonia Barker, District Cllrs Kathleen Grant and Jenny Cesera.

2 Feedback from residents – what is the current situation

Residents described the flooding problems including those at The Street, Rushmere Road, Hall Road, and Rectory Road and roads off Rectory Road.

Reference was made to the following: the high water table; the developments built on the natural soak away of the mardle and the horse pond; inadequate pipes to carry water effluent and sewage; silting up of drains and ditches; run off from roads; increasing run off from impermeable areas due to the increase in building developments; increasing stress on drainage system and sewage system due to the increase in building developments.

3 Action taken by Waveney District Council

District Cllr Law explained that immediate action including pumping out of properties had been taken by Waveney District Council and that Waveney District Council had ensured that Suffolk County Council had responded with necessary action at the roads and highways.

Cllr Law noted that when it came to proposed building, planning application consultees such as Anglian Water and the Environment Agency needed to respond more actively by advising whether or not the existing drainage infrastructure can cope with proposed buildings.

4 Looking ahead – what needs to be done to prevent future flooding?

Suffolk County Council will immediately begin work on the investigation report they are required to prepare under the statutory duty contained within the Flood and Water Management Act. This report will take approximately 12 weeks to complete.

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The report will include reference to the full extent of the Kirkley Stream.

The report will consider all possible causes of the flooding, identify relevant organisations involved in flood risk management and provide recommendations for future actions. It will inform the wider Lowestoft flood risk management project that is already underway with the aim of reducing all forms of flood risk across Carlton Colville and throughout Lowestoft.

The Kirkley Stream will be dredged and gullies will be jetted and cleared.

A leaflet outlining details of Kirkley Stream River Maintenance was provided by the Environment Agency.

A list of key contacts whom residents may wish to speak to in the event of an emergency (or when concerns arise due to water levels etc), will be prepared and distributed by Waveney District Council.

Residents were asked to provide flood information to Suffolk County Council including the amount of flooding and dates of flooding. This will go towards seeking optimum resources necessary to address the problem. Contact website addresses will be supplied for this.

Information already received from residents in Carlton Colville by the Town Council was handed to the following four agencies: Suffolk County Council and Waveney District Council and Anglian Water and Environment agency representatives. Questionnaires about flooding issues were handed out for residents at the meeting to complete and these were completed and will be forwarded to the above agencies.

The Emergency Planning Officer liaised with residents and the Carlton Colville Town Council to form a committee which will respond to future flooding problems by reporting flooding problems.

The Meeting ended at 8.30 pm.