

PLangstone Flood sub-committee 11/7/24

Present: Peter Oliver, Bill Walworth, Sally Walker, Gareth Brown, Andrew Hardy, Andy Lewis, Ed Neville

1. Minutes of the previous meeting agreed
2. Sally reported that Lulu Bowerman had not responded to requests to attend our meeting
3. Insurance letter: it had been agreed between meetings that it would not be followed up
4. Langstone Flood watch should be re-named Langstone Flood Support. John Henly had asked this group to take on its function as he could no longer be leading the Flood watch
5. Langstone flood support: we reiterated that this should be at 3 levels: a) advice for whole community e.g. how to get air brick protectors. b) resilience groups: joint planning to maximise protection for the small group of houses in each group and planning for mutual support during a flood. c) acknowledging that each home owner has individual responsibility for their own house, they should be able to get and maintain their own sand bags (many available on internet) and how to fill them with sand
6. Southern water. HBC are arranging a meeting with our representatives and Southern Water. Another foul water problem has come to light in the Saltings which AH is chasing up. EN will chase Dr S Dart re action on investigating the foul water problems
7. HCC no contact details available. HBC have triggered a section 19 investigation but it is thought that this will be a long-term investigation
8. Neill Payne's email was reported where he had been told that the Government had not thought storm Peirick was severe enough to merit special attention and thus no special funding
9. Conservation rules: no word from Lyall Cairns or Andy Pearce about this. EN to chase
10. Comms. GB proposed another major meeting in October where HBC, Southern Water and HCC would be invited to attend. Agreed. AL reported that there was nothing on either LVA or LRA websites about our flood committee. EN to talk to Catharine Russell about this. AL to follow up with LRA
11. After Sally offered her house for inspection by HBC, PO offered to try to arrange this. It is felt that HBC were mostly unaware of our plight
12. Langstone Notice Board to display minutes. GB to arrange
13. Coastal partners flood defence plans. It was felt that the group should more closely monitor developments in the light of the recent elections. This should include both the funding gap and any modifications of the plans. AL undertook to get up to date information for the group
14. Date of next meeting Sept 5th