

LVA Flood sub committee
Minutes of meeting 9/5/24

Present: Peter Oliver, Bill Walworth, Sally Walker, Ed Neville.

Peter was congratulated on his election to the HBC

1. Gemma's notes from the public meeting were acknowledged as the basis for the actions of the sub-committee
2. CP: It was re-iterated that the LVA should support CP in getting funding for the current scheme regardless of anxieties about its content. EN to draft email for group to approve and then ask Catharine to disseminate to all LVA and LRA members (to express reasons why recent floods made the scheme essential)
3. Drains. PO to contact Neil Payne at HBC if he had got the information he had promised on who was responsible for the Langstone drains. PO also to ask the HBC if they were responsible for keeping drains unblocked. Whoever does the drain unblocking to be asked to give residents notice so that cars could be parked elsewhere and not obstruct lorries doing this work. EN to try to ascertain similar information re drains from HCC and Southern Water.. BW to talk to ombudsman re water and ? drain responsibility.
4. Emergency support. General opinion was that unless life or personal safety was at risk, there was little that emergency services could or perhaps should, offer. Asking the police to close the road was one option. Do the fire brigade pump out water? Unkown.
5. Resilience. There should be advice already available from other areas more frequently flooded. EN to ask John Henly (Floodwatch) to look into this. The village would benefit from advice at 3 levels: whole village, localised set of houses and for individual houses/home owners. The LRA have recently circulated general advice re individual homes, BW will draft advice for coast guard cottages (which might be a template for other areas though it was agreed that each area had slightly different problems). If air bricks should all have covers, there

might be an economy of scale if the whole village's needs could be met by a whole village order

6. Money. There may be grants available for either repair or future proofing. SW agreed to look into this
7. Membership of sub-committee. Gareth Brown has been invited to join and it was agreed that Andy Lewis should also be invited
8. Date of next meeting: Wed 22nd May at 44 Langstone Rd at 7 pm