

Buckden Parish Council

Flood Advisory Group

Minutes of Meeting on 6th December 2024

Present: Aidan Joy, Scott Kitson, Gordon Wyatt, Liz Olding, Linda Upham, John Thelwall, Martin Hassall

1. Election of Chair:

Aidan Joy was unanimously elected chair of the Group in place of John Thelwall who had resigned.

2. Apologies for absence:

Anne Howell Jones and Lou O'Connor

3. Minutes of last Meeting:

3.1 The minutes were approved unanimously

3.2 Road drain cleaning – JT has emailed Hilary Tandy.

3.3 AJ to raise with the Clerk the possibility of asking the handymen to clear leaves from road drain gratings.

3.4 HDC roadsweeper has been round some roads but there is the usual problem of parked cars. MH reported that the men are supposed to hand sweep in this case, but it is not known if that is being done.

3.5 Taylors Brook – silt needs removing from the open culvert at High Street. MH to maintain pressure on HDC to do the work.

3.6 JT has asked HT for a copy of the drain survey requested by GW, but had no response yet.

4. Flood events since last meeting:

There has been flooding on Mill Road from around the Marina to the river on two occasions. This is the result of the sheer quantity of rain falling in a short period.

5. Flood Response Plan:

AJ and LP to take this on.

6. LLFA in person survey:

MH reported on the latest meeting (4th November) with HT at the LLFA. The survey is now proposed for the New Year.

The flow into the Towers Lake has stopped and the lake is now stagnant, as is the Valley lake. JT to contact Barry Jobling and/or Richard Storey of the Local History Society to ask if there are old maps which indicate how the Towers Lake is fed.

7. AOB

7.1 Do we have any non perishable sandbags? AJ to check in the flood equipment shed.

7.2 GW raised the issue of insurance of houses that have flooded as he has been refused insurance by his existing insurer.

8. Next meeting: 7th March 2025 at 3.00 p.m.