

King's Sutton Parish Council

Flood Alleviation Group Report for the year 2014-15

1. The Flood Alleviation Group is a working group composed of Parish Councillors and local residents. It meets as and when required.
2. This year has been one of mixed fortunes in terms of our aspirations. While the completed Windsor Close & Barton Terrace FAS continues to work well, the Wales Street FAS has been the subject of a further re-design.
3. Windsor Close & Barton Terrace Surface Water Flood Alleviation Scheme: Barwood Homes are now working on their site and discussions have been held with their Construction Director on the implementation of their modified FAS. The main cut-off channel has been constructed across the site and we are monitoring progress. Responsibility for the maintenance of the flood protection measures on their site and the inspection of the trash screen will pass from the Parish Council to Barwood Homes.
4. Wales Street: Planning permission for the revised new bund was granted by SNC in March 2015 following extensive negotiations with landowners. The new bund has the support of all the landowners and will by-pass the blocked culvert. The main issue now is funding and SNC have gone out to tender and the documents should be returned very shortly. The main challenge will then be the size of the funding gap. The Parish Council is making a contribution but the gap is likely to be larger than previously anticipated. We are working closely with Cllr Ian Morris and SNC to identify additional funding sources. SNC have appointed Royal Haskoning DHV as their project managers and they will be the point of contact following the retirement of Mr Alan Isaac to who we offer our good wishes.
5. Thames Water and Sewer Flooding: We remain in regular contact with Thames Water. Sewer maintenance has been undertaken which appears to have resulted in the clearance of existing blockages and there have been no further reports of sewage flooding in lower Wales Street. Substantial modernisation has been undertaken at the Pumping Station including new pumps, a new control board and an inlet air valve. All these measure should add to the efficiency of the system in the future... Airtight manhole covers have been installed on the foul sewer from Wales street to the pumping station. We are continuing to press Thame Water to complete their survey of groundwater ingress into the sewer system which had contributed to overload in the past.

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Chairman
Flood Alleviation Group

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