

THE FLOOD COMMITTEE – APRIL, 2018

Meeting of the Flood Committee held on Thursday, 12th
April, 2018 Commencing at 2.00 pm in the Weldon Room.

Members present: G. May, P. Inskeep, A. Clayworth, J.M.F. Royce, H. Trobridge.

In attendance: K. Emery, RBC and NCC Emergency Planning Officer.

G. Smith, Principle Flood Risk Management Officer.

Minutes taken by: J. Raven. Clerk to Gotham Parish Council.

1. **Apologies:** County Councillor A. Brown, A. Howard, W. Hodson, A. Howick, A. Austin.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** Nil.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th February, 2018/Progress:**

Moor Lane: No action had been taken over the drain, blocked by tree roots, on Moor Lane, opposite to houses nos: 9-23. County Councillor A. Brown had been made aware of the problem. J. Freeman of Via, East Midlands, had emailed that an inspection of the Moor Lane drain had been requested.

Field House, Leake Road: The blocked ditch had been reported to the Agents, selling the property, who had passed the message on to the vendor. The property has since been sold and is empty. No action on the ditch has been taken by the new owner.

Bus Station: The open ditch, leading to Field House via a culvert under the driveway, is the responsibility of the new owner. This ditch is currently too deep in water to inspect.

Railway Walk Culvert: The ditch in front of the houses adjacent to the Railway Walk at the Kegworth Road end, is the responsibility of the owner NCC Highways or the developer/home owners.

G. Smith offered to attend an inspection of the village ditches and culverts with the NCC Land Management Officer, (Nick Clarke). J.M.F. Royce and G. May to attend.

A master map of the village drainage system will be drawn up for future reference.

Curzon Street: J. Raven had reported the overflowing manholes to Severn Trent who had incorrectly sent the Surface Water Team to inspect instead of the Foul Water Team.

4. Flood Prevention Update: K. Emery had brought an example of an Aquasac in two different forms, i.e. disposable nappy style and hessian. The Committee preferred the hessian style which contains crystals which expand to thirty times their size when wet. The hessian sacks can be dried and re-used but are not so efficient after every use. J. Raven to order some samples and research the cheapest offer.

5. Purchase of Flood Prevention Equipment/Storage: J. Raven and G. May had inspected the storage available at Gotham Bus Company. R. Wright, NCT Health and Safety Officer, had advised a locked, watertight storage cabinet would be acceptable within the bicycle shed to store the aquasacs. A combination-style padlock could be used to protect the contents.

6. To Consider the Flood Action Group moving to be under the Gotham Parish Council Umbrella: Not sufficient Group members present for this to be discussed/agreed. To be included on the next agenda.

7. Matters to Report:

The Square: The corner paving area and drain, adjacent to the Sun Public House, has been damaged, probably by another service provider.

Railway Walk: The junction, behind the old school and a third of the way along the Railway Walk was under water, following recent heavy rain. Water was forming a stream at the side of the steps. Contact J. Baines of NCC.

Leake Road ditches: The culvert leading from the Leake Road ditch is blocked at its entrance by branches, litter and other debris. Contact J. Saunders of St. Gobain.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Monday, 14th May, 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Weldon Room of the Memorial Hall.

G. May thanked K. Emery and G. Smith for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 3.04 p.m.