

ANNEX 2

Great Alne Parish Council – Project Progress Report

Project Name: CCCF023 - Flood Mitigation

Report Date: June 2024

1) Project Objectives: Describe Project Objectives

This project will:

- Complete the mapping of watercourses and areas of flooding in the Parish
- Maintain a database of all Road Drains, Ditches, Culverts and Grills throughout the Parish (FLAG assets)
- Monitor the status of FLAG assets
- Develop action plans for each FLAG asset
- Allocate Stakeholder responsibilities for each FLAG asset
- Undertake exploration of known blockages/constrictions
- Undertake remedial works including Road Drain clearing/ maintenance, Ditch clearing/ excavations, Culvert maintenance/ clearing and Grill management.
- Report progress to **Great Alne Parish Council** and **Stratford District Council**

2) Progress against Plan:

Achievements this period:

- Warwickshire Country Council Volunteer training completed
- Volunteer equipment reviewed and orders placed
- Monthly drain and ditch monitoring completed – Red status areas reported to WCC
- Neighbouring Parish Councils contacted and initial meeting held 24 June
- Landowner and Farmer meeting undertaken. Future ditching workloads and timescales discussed further meetings in plan to monitor actions.
- Warwickshire County Council walkthrough undertaken to agree WCC responsibilities, future drain maintenance, ditch clearance and road repair activities and plans
- Key stakeholders contacted to arrange site visits/agree work plans (Bloor, Linfoots, Woodland Trust, WWT, WCC).
- Tendering process completed for Independent drain clearance and CCTV investigation across the Parish to identify drain/culvert issues. Contractor selected and work underway to develop schedule and associated timelines for delivery.
- Request for information/pricing issued to three independent hydrologist organisations to undertake desk based review of the GAPC FLAG activities to understand potential impacts on Flooding in the Parish
- Sernal Lane Ditch – meeting held with WCC and Linfoot Country Homes to agree way forward with blocked culvert. WCC agreed to undertake investigative works, resolve issue with culvert and reinstate open ditched and headwalls down Sernal Lane. This work will be included in broader WCC plans for the Parish but will be completed by end of year.
- Manor Court Ditch – Warwickshire Wildlife Trust report discussed with WWT, 9 potential improvements could be made along the length of the ditch, Plans in place to communicate with Landowners to secure agreements/permissions to proceed
- Coffee Pot Wood – Woodland Trust cleared ditch between Henley Road and River. Woodland Trust looking at removing tree in river by culvert outlet to improve Manor Court ditch outflow into the river.
- Alne Cote S Bend – Landowners/Farmers agreed to clear ditch and grill to culvert, and clear Parish ditch after Harvest. WCC to clear culvert under road as part of broader works.
- Pelham Lane – Meeting held with WCC to discuss rebuild of carriageway in Pelham Lane and the drain that runs alongside the road. Works scheduled to be completed this financial year. Exact dates are to be scheduled. Ditch clearing will be included in the Pelham Lane carriageway activities.

Actions not completed / deferred

- Sernal Lane Ditch not excavated by Farmer
- Pelham Lane Ditch not cleared by Farmer / Tree root not resolved.
- Alne Cote S Bend Ditch not cleared out by Farmers
- Coffee Pot Wood - Tree in River not resolved
- Coffee Pot Wood Ditch alongside Henley Road not cleared
- Mr Bloor's agent meeting not arranged

New Plan Activities

- Commence discussions with Mr Bloor's agent regarding works in woodland alongside Henley Road

3) Actions for Next Period:

Planned actions for next period:

- Continue with Drain and Ditch monitoring/reporting activities.
- Instigate monthly communications with Warwickshire County Council to ensure clear understanding of any potential delays or cancellation of works. Depending on outcome of communications re-plan the project to maximize delivery.
- Instigate monthly communication with the Farmers/Landowners to ensure clear understanding of any potential delays or cancellation of works. Depending on outcome of communications re-plan the project to maximize delivery.
- Instigate regular communications with neighbouring Parish Councils to ensure support alignment with Project plans and outcomes
- Monitor Hedge cutting at Alne Cote Cottage – impacts Drain Clearance and CCTV Investigations
- Complete Drain Clearance and CCTV Tender process, select contractor and agree plans and timescales for completion
- Complete RFI/RFP process to secure independent Hydrologist review.
- Engage with WWT, Landowners and Farmers to start discussions /planning Manor Court Ditch improvements.
- Engage with Woodland Trust to understand plans for Tree extraction from River.
- Engage with Bloor representatives to discuss options for Woodland on Bloor Land
- Engage with Owner of Alne Cote to understand plans for hedge cutting and associated drain works (links to CCTV investigation works)
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4) Risks and Issues:

Risks:

- Warwickshire County Council do not deliver their agreed works during this financial year. This could impact overall delivery of the Project, and potentially our funding stream. Mitigation Actions – Constant communication with the WCC team to ensure clear understanding of any potential delays or cancellation of works. Depending on outcome of communications re-plan the project to maximize delivery.
- Farmer/Landowners do not grant permission for works to be performed. This could impact overall delivery of the Project, and potentially our funding stream. Mitigation Actions – Engage with statutory bodies to influence/enforce delivery of the works.
- Landowners / Farmers fail to deliver their activities during project lifetime. This could impact overall delivery of the Project, and potentially our funding stream. Mitigation Actions – Constant communication with the Farmers/Landowners to ensure clear understanding of any potential delays or cancellation of works. Depending on outcome of communications re-plan the project to maximize delivery.
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Issues:

- Lack of delivery of Farmer/Landowner tasks to agreed timeline. Resolution – Individual conversations to understand delay and secure agreement to delivery in project timelines. Look for alternative bodies to complete works if Farmers/landowners cannot meet timescales
- Lack of response to Hydrologist RFI/RFP – Resolution – Chase RFI/RFP. If not forthcoming review GAPC financial regulations to ensure any decisions are made within the current GAPC Rules
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