

Flooding Update

Just because we have 'ground to a halt' does not mean that the weather will. We still need to plan for future flooding and how best to deal with it. In fact, Coronavirus, and the practical difficulties it presents to the emergency services, make community and flooding resilience all the more important and urgent.

Public Meeting Held

A successful public meeting was held on 25th February in the Village Hall. The 39 attendees were mostly North Cave / Everthorpe flood-affected residents, but also representatives from Newbald, South Cave and Ellerker Parish Councils. There were about 20 minutes of introductions, 50 minutes of presentation (download 10Mb PDF here- <https://www.villagelink.info/flooding.htm>) and about another 50 minutes of discussion.

The different types of flooding that apply to our local catchments (river, surface and ground water) were explained. In discussion, the overall mood was that a partnership approach is the best way to try to make changes. The Parish Council representatives present will now discuss with their colleagues, but verbally they all agreed that being part of one larger partnership would have a number of benefits:

- shared knowledge;
- greater influence, politically and with the agencies;
- greater efficiency – most of the Parish Councils said that they are having meetings with ERYC/EA/YW, so they recognised that it might be possible to reduce the admin/comms burden for the agencies if a wider group could be represented at meetings.
- recognition that the becks out of Newbald, Drewton and South Cave are geographically very similar and therefore face similar issues and opportunities. The need to think about opportunities and benefits beyond purely flood alleviation was well-received – the

'Chalkshire' biodiversity initiative was mentioned.

- There was some scepticism in the room, as 'flood alleviation plans' have been produced, for example for South Cave, but not shared with the community. Unlike the Flood Alleviation Schemes (FAS's) east of the Wolds, funding is not so readily available as it was for WADFAS / COPFAS etc, as there are not thousands of properties at risk. There was also concern that areas which were proposed for flood water attenuation are now being proposed for housing. If this is so, there is a major disconnect between flood management and planning policies - an obvious statement, perhaps, but potentially a fixable problem.

Next Steps

A meeting (probably by video conference) is to be held with Agencies (ERYC, Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water) on 3rd April, to determine how to either help set up a local partnership, or to see whether a local flood action group can become part (or perhaps a local working group) of the Hull and East Riding Catchment Partnership:

<https://catchmentbasedapproach.org/get-involved/hull-east-riding/>

Matters to be considered will include:

- scope and aims;
- how to identify priorities;
- where to seek funding;
- timescales for action;
- how to formalise a partnership with agencies, landowners and residents;
- further engagement and publicity with local Parish Councils and communities.

If you have any suggestions or contributions, please email: flood@villagelink.info.

Thanks, Bill Blackledge

New Flood Warden appointed

Hi all, just wanted to introduce myself I'm the newly appointed Flood warden for North Cave. My Name is Paul Morris and I live on Church Street.

The reason for becoming the flood warden was mainly to help people during their time of need. I previously worked for the ambulance service for

12 years and I also have a keen interest in environmental conservation. If you would like to tell me your thoughts and comments please get in touch with me.

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