

Chair's notes

Thank you all for coming this evening.

This is a brief update on some of the issues in the parish.

Firstly, as mentioned at the last meeting – flooding in homes, gardens and on the roads of our parish.

I wrote to Cllr. Richard Clewer, leader of Wiltshire council to request more action for flooded homes in our parish. To his credit Richard responded quickly and, as consequence, homes were visited by Highways last week. Councillor Bucknell joined this visit and a range of issues surfaced. While some residents were pleased that their issues were now being considered, more resources are needed. The jetting teams needed to clear the drains in some parts of the village require traffic management on the roads. The fact that 2 more tankers are being purchased will not help here unless they come with traffic management. Unfortunately, that is rarely available. It is not acceptable to Wiltshire Council that volunteers direct the traffic so unless more resources are forthcoming (or a policy decision is made by Wiltshire Council) then it will be of little help in our parish.

We are also a parish of C roads. A and B roads are higher priority which means we are low in the pecking order and every time heavy rain falls, we slip further down the list.

I have raised that issue Cllr Nic Puntis who is responsible for flooding matters.

As no one came forward at the last meeting, volunteer flood warden request has been put out on the website and on Nextdoor. Details of the role are also there.

GreenSquareAccord. After the last meeting I wrote to GSA on behalf of the council and residents ask them to reconsider their

intention to sell 5 housing association homes and move the tenants on.

They have since replied that the timetable for this has now been pushed back. A small victory – but the tenants still face an uncertain future in homes that need maintaining. The Evening Advertiser printed an article and have said that they will be doing a follow up article soon.

Since the last meeting a traveller site has been set up without the required planning consent. Retrospective planning has been applied for. This has caused significant concern for some residents in Clyffe Pypard. Ten homes rely on the septic tanks under that piece of land. Letters of opposition have been submitted.

The Environment Agency have confirmed that the sewage removal permit still lies with GreensquareAccord. They are are investigating further. Planning has been informed.

I hope that's been helpful.

I would remind everyone that the public are here to listen from this point on. I would appreciate it if the rules of the meeting are respected.

The parish council meeting will now begin.

Thank you.