
Filkins & Broughton Poggs Parish Council

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FLOOD ALLEVIATION

The Parish Council are currently working in several areas to reduce the risks of flooding in our villages. There are several projects we have taken to Oxfordshire County Council some of which have been accomplished. We are working hard to bring our projects to the top of the OCC lists and will continue to do so.

What has been accomplished:

1. The Broadwell Brook has been dredged- this was done by OCC and local landowners.
2. The drains around both villages have been cleared- however OCC will be returning to jet any residue left.
3. Ditches have been cleared- OCC and local landowners are working together to make drainage ditches flow more easily. Some ditches are soak-away ditches and these will not be cleared as they rely on the vegetation to disperse the water.
4. A damaged drain has been found under the verge outside the old Lamb- this will be replaced. We are still trying to get a date for this work and will continue to do so.

All the above will help any excess water move away from our villages and houses into the open countryside. We are still working on other suggestions put forward in the Flood Report, if you require any further details please contact me.

We have one major project we are working on this is the proposed balance pond which will be located in the field behind The Cotswold Woollen Weavers belonging to Andrew Cripps. This pond will hold ~2,000 cubic meters of water and will release it gradually through the Broadwell Brook, this will alleviate the build up of water at Goodfellows and Broughton Poggs Mill and hence the whole of Broughton Poggs will be at less risk.

We have met with Andrew Cripps and The Ernest Cook Trust who are in full support of the plan. We have also had Chris Carter (Colvin and Moggeridge) draw up a plan, and have met with a structural engineer and geologist who have all given their time for free. We have recently consulted with WODC and the Environment Agency, who also support the project and are now waiting for them to report back to us on acceptability and funding.

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