

For Parish Council Meeting 25th February 2025

Croscombe Flood Group Chairmans Report February 2025

Jacks Lane Channel

Chris Jackson mobilised a group of volunteers who cleared the drainage channel on Jacks Lane. They did an excellent job and now the channel is fully operational. They also filled sand bags and stored them on adjacent land. A big thank you to all involved.

Culvert Survey

An Environment Agency Contractor was to have visited w/c 10th Feb. I have asked to attend to meet the Contractor on the 24th Feb.

Boulder Trap

Following an email exchange with Ollie Rant Environment Agency the trap requested near the culvert entrance has been rejected as it may trap too many boulders and logs. As I don't think a challenge to the decision will succeed so I now propose that we propose to trial the traps upstream near the school.

Flood Barriers

An application is to be made to Somerset Prepared to purchase barriers to direct water from Old Street and Jacks Lane into the river. The cost of 59 barriers is £4650.00 and we will need to raise 20% of the total. Note the barriers will be owned by Croscombe Parish Council. A fund is to be set up so a request is made to the Parish Council to enable funds to be set aside in the Parish Council bank Account?

Culvert manhole

The manhole is proposed to be sited near the start of the bifurcation to enable blockages to be removed from the junction between the main culvert and the twin channel (bifurcation). Tenders are due to be returned on the 18th Feb and then the project will be the subject of a grant application to the Somerset Rivers Authority.

Flood Attenuation Pond

Negotiations are planned with the owner of the land so this information is confidential and will not be reported in full to the Parish Council as a public document. The land under consideration is near the bends on the A371 approaching Croscombe from Shepton Mallett.

Storm Rain Gauge

Several sites are under consideration for the gauge. The software details needed for operation is outstanding. A sim card is required that will need a subscription

Shepton Flood Group

The meeting with the group has to be rearranged. We are particularly interested in their plans for attenuation ponds

Tessa Munt MP

Jon Hardy has responded to our request to Tessa for help. I met Jon and he is now aware of the issues. I expressed concern about the lack of response from SCC re my letter to Paul Tucker ref the Manhole. Jon undertook to expedite matters but I do not have an update from Jon. He has been on leave and returns on the 17th Feb. I have had no direct communication with Tessa as my dealing need to be with Jon.

Regards

Paul Hodge