

BOSHAM PARISH COUNCIL WATER BAILIFF

MONTHLY REPORT –DECEMBER 2008

Executive Summary

A total of 52mm fell this month with over half of this total occurring on Saturday 13th; more on that later.

On 3rd December I held the annual village flood plan review, a little later than usual due to other Parish Council scheduled meetings in November. Apart from the amendments to telephone numbers and emails there were few changes although it did give the group the opportunity to discuss the sandbags versus other flood prevention devices. On balance it was felt that we should keep with the sandbag option and enquire whether the WS Fire and Rescue Service could assist in allowing the storage of empty sandbags on their Bosham premises. As an aside I believe there is a private initiative being progressed to install a temporary flood barrier in front of a shared driveway to some properties along Shore Road near the Trippett.

Early on in the month I organised my last working party to sort out a problem along East Ditch. The pictures in the Appendix tell their own story but we were mightily glad we cleared the stretch, given the deluge that would occur a week or so later.

During Friday 12th and Saturday 13th a deep depression over the south produced significant rainfall and caused some flooding in the village. Most of it was caused by the system being overwhelmed in places but it has highlighted some issues that will need urgent attention in the New Year. The reports were provided by my flood team who worked tirelessly during this period. The SW Stumps End pumping station didn't fare too well during these two days. It seems to have been overwhelmed and didn't behave as expected. A meeting is being arranged with the Flood Team and SW very soon to discuss this and other water board issues.

Finally, as this is my last monthly report as the Parish Council Water Bailiff I wish to take the opportunity to say that I have enjoyed the last 6 years. With the able assistance of Messrs Price, Stern and Newman of the BA flood team together with the flood observers and the support of the Parish Council, staff at the Environment Agency, District and County Council and the various water authorities it has been a thoroughly worthwhile task and one that I hope will be continued once a willing volunteer is found. Looking back over the 75 or so monthly reports it is quite impressive what has been achieved by the concerted efforts of the team and how Bosham is regarded by the authorities as a fine example of a community tackling its own problems where necessary.

It remains for me now to hang up my ID card, waders and rubber gloves and give my bike a well-earned clean!!! May I wish you all a Happy (and dry) New Year.

Action Required

Find a replacement please!!!



David West
2nd January 2009
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Action, if required

Mr G Holder - Building Services, Chichester District Council
Mr A Davison - Flood Defence Strategy, Environment Agency
Mr M Ford - Environment Agency – Operations Delivery Tech Support
Mr J Thomas - Wastewater Networks Western Area Manager, Southern Water
Mrs L Roberts – Bosham Parish Council Clerk

Mr R Riley – Chichester District Council
Mr B Killner – Environment Agency – Operations Field Team Leader
Mr S Johnson - Highway Network Services (Western Area), WSCC
Mr A Adams - Sewerage Policy Manager, Southern Water

Information

Mr J Hinton- Chairman, Bosham Association
Mr P Price - Bosham Association
Mr E Hinkley – Bosham Association

Mrs P West - Chairman, Bosham Parish Council
Mr P Stern - Co-author Bosham Flood and Sewerage Report 2001
Mr P Newman – Bosham Association

Abbreviations:

PP - Peter Price	PS - Peter Stern	DW - Dave West (Author)	EA - Environment Agency
HWYs - Highways	HW - High Water	BA - Bosham Association	CDC - Chichester District Council
PN - Peter Newman	JH - John Hinton	U/S - Unserviceable	

Date	Site/ Weather Situation	Observation	Action
Wednesday 3 rd	East ditch	Many clumps of compacted leaves and embedded debris causing significant flow problems.	DW, PP and PN descended into the ravine and cleared the lot! Well done team! See pix.

Date	Site/ Weather Situation	Observation	Action
Saturday 13 th	<i>32.3mm fell in 12 hours</i>		
	Chequer Lane (PP)	0800hrs Water not yet across road.....	.....
	Stumps End sluice (JH)	1045hrs Debris cleared by JH	Sensible
	The Leat entrance (DW)	1215hrs Following call from Loafers I went to close Leat but was beaten to it by Alan Moulton by a whisker!!!	Thank you Alan!
	Millstream Hotel (DW)	1220hrs High - about 3 inches below footbridge.	Will need to alter penstock if water rises further and ensure sluice is open.
	Walton Lane grille (DW)	1230hrs Heavy flow but all OK - glad we cleared East Ditch last week!	Cleared grille
	Delling Lane between Green Lane and Berkeley Arms	1245hrs pockets of flooding	WSCC Hwys contacted about examining the drains
	Berkeley Arms junction	1250hrs under 4" of water in places	WSCC Hwys contacted about examining the drains
	Bosham Lane between Fairfield Road and Sunny Way Sunny Way junction	Pockets of ponding across the road Flooded across road	WSCC Hwys have been contacted about examining the drains (PP)

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Saturday 13 th (cont)	Stumps End CSO outflow pipe (PP)	1415hrs Sewage being pumped not just overflowing out through the CSO near Stumps Lane and the stink was very noticeable from 20 yards away. It was still flowing at 1630 hrs but not as smelly. By 2100 still being pumped out intermittently (note pumped not just overflow)	Reported by PP to EA, Harbour Conservancy and SW
	..... Millstream Hotel gauge (PN)	..... 1515hrs showing 5.4m with water damming behind stone footbridge	.....
	..... A27 Penstock (PP/PN)	..... 1530hrs	..... Adjusted setting from 54cm to 33cm
	..... Millstream Hotel gauge (PN)	..... 1600hrs showing 5.5m 1630hrs showing 5.4m	..... Just in time!
	..... Colner Creek at exit into harbour (PN)	..... <i>"a fearsome sight! In fact it is extremely dangerous- a large whirlpool just below the path would suck dog/child/person to death"</i>	..... No comment to add.
	..... Brooks Lane (reported by Patsy West)	..... 6 inches of muddy fast flowing water off the fields which flooded Brooks Lane up to just before St. Nicolas Hall.	..... Duly noted

Date	Site/ Weather Situation	Observation	Action
Tuesday 16 th	Delling Lane and Bosham Lane Millstream Hotel gauge (PP)	CDC Roadsweeper in operation 4.3m	Thank you Penstock to remain at 34cm for the time being. EA approved.
Tuesday 30 th	Delling Lane and Bosham Lane A27 Penstock (PP/PN)	CDC Road sweeper in operation Adjusted to 46cm	Thank you For info we started with 54 then in the heavy rains moved that to 33 and now back to 46 which leaves a certain amount flowing over the top for the Trout Farm etc. The leak at the corner is still working as well. The overall level up there has dropped by about 30cms at a guess. This level could well be a sensible winter penstock level but we will see.

END OF REPORT

APPENDIX



Messrs Newman and Price in playful mood



BEFORE



AFTER