

BOSHAM PARISH COUNCIL WATER BAILIFF

MONTHLY REPORT –JUNE 2008

Executive Summary

A total of 36.4mm fell during the month; long dry spells were interspersed with short bouts of rain but nothing very significant.

This month has been fairly quiet overall. I am pleased to report that the WSCC Highways Department cleared out the gulleys in Delling Lane and the surrounding areas on schedule so thank you for that.

I was advised by my EA contacts that the Stumps End outer flap replacement project was progressing and it is anticipated that a new one should be in place by the end of the summer. I await updates on when this will occur.

The low level of the Bosham Stream was giving residents cause for concern so Peter Newman and I went to see whether the Moreton Road temporary leak repair had given way and allowing water to leak into the harbour. (See September 2007 report). We inspected the site on the 19th and found everything to be intact!! My only explanation for the water draining into the harbour was that the heavy downpours in the early part of June (2nd we had 17.1mm overnight) had caused the stream level there to rise high enough to overtop the repair and spill into the Millpond and thence out into the harbour. I asked the EA how the Moreton Road leak repair project was progressing and have been advised that the autumn now looks like a realistic date.

As a result of a number of residents' reports thereafter I requested the EA to adjust the penstock back to 53cm (the normal summer level) as the penstock had been at a lower level in May to balance the flows to Colner Creek and Bosham Stream following heavier downpours. We are now in the traditional low flow scenario and as such any flow down Bosham Stream should be maximised to support the wildlife and general wellbeing of the stretch. I'm not aware of any agricultural abstraction taking place at this moment.

Finally, I was pleased to show Gavin Holder of the Chichester District Council around the village on 19th June. His busy schedule had meant that the tour was postponed a number of times but we managed to settle on a suitable date in the end. I believe he found the tour informative and now has a better understanding of all things 'Bosham'!

Action Required/Requested

1) I request that the EA keep me informed on when the Stumps End outer flap will be fitted. **ACTION EA**



David West
3rd July 2008

Copies, via e-mail, sent to:

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 V Treagust – 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
Tuesday 3 rd	Delling Lane and Bosham Lane	CDC Road sweeper in operation	Thank you
Thursday 5 th	Delling Lane and Bosham Lane	CDC Road sweeper in operation	Thank you
Tuesday 10 th	Delling Lane and Bosham Lane	CDC Road sweeper in operation	Thank you
	Millstream Hotel gauge	Showing 2.7m at 0930hrs	
Tuesday 17 th	Delling Lane and Bosham Lane	CDC Road sweeper in operation	Thank you
	Millstream Hotel gauge	Showing 2.8m at 0900hrs	

Date	Site/ Weather Situation	Observation	Action
Thursday 19 th	Millstream Hotel gauge Moreton Road stream leak with PN Leat entrance	Showing 2.4m at 0900hrs No appreciable seepage Opened up to get water flowing
Tuesday 24 th	Delling Lane and Bosham Lane A27 Penstock	CDC Roadsweeper in operation Low flow at Millstream Hotel 2.6m	Thank you Requested EA to adjust back to normal setting of 53cm. (Done)

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