

BOSHAM PARISH COUNCIL WATER BAILIFF

MONTHLY REPORT –SEPTEMBER 2008

Executive Summary

A total of 79.5mm fell this month. We were able to enjoy a two week spell of dry weather to lull us into thinking summer was still here but the rain soon returned and is with us as I type!

I am pleased to report progress with some riparian owners and their efforts in clearing their ditches. Unfortunately I have had to resort to issuing reminder letters and in one or two cases, requesting the Chichester District Council to issue their official versions. It is a shame that one has to rely on these methods to achieve what should automatically be a regular task for riparian owners, in my view.

The Environment Agency has delivered on its promise to clear the Bosham Stream, East Ditch and Stumps Lane sections this month. I attach some pictures in the Appendix to illustrate their good work. The Stumps End outer flap is due to be fitted in early October but the Moreton Road leak project has not progressed due to workload issues in the local Agency office. I hope this can be jump-started before I move on.

In last month's report I wrongly attributed a small sub-article titled 'Flood Alert' which appeared in September's issue of the *Downland News* to the Bosham Association. Despite a number of subsequent requests to the editors as to the source of this information I have yet to receive a satisfactory response. The information was not sanctioned by me (the author of the original document) for publication and some of the information was out of date. I have requested that a suitable announcement be made in the next issue to correct the situation.

I believe that the post of Water Bailiff is to be advertised soon by the Parish Council so it is my hope that I will be in a position to handover the rôle by the end of December.

Action Required/Requested

1) EA to attempt to organise clearance of the fallen tree in Heavers Field near penstock (see pic)

ACTION - EA



David West
5th October 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:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 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 |
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| Tuesday 2 nd | Delling Lane and Bosham Lane | CDC Road sweeper in operation | Thank you |

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| Saturday 6 th PP report | Brinkmans ditch exit to East Ditch | Pictures in Appendix show the situation at the exit from Brinkmans. The exit pipe looks blocked so no wonder no flow. The overflow from the holding reservoir was flowing and at that rate is no problem. There are some lumps of debris on the bottom but generally it looks quite deep and OK. | The pipe from the Brinkmans ditch to the east ditch is badly silted and probably need rodding. The east ditch I cleared the main inlet pipe at the corner. Some clearance has been done of the nettles so one can see partially into the ditch (that was me DW) |
| | Walton Lane grille | OK | |
| | Walton Lane <i>Talking Oak</i> | The exit pipe from <i>Talking Oak</i> needed clearance and was raked out. That greatly increased the flow. | The small section belonging to <i>Talking Oak</i> was bad and I had to rake it out. |
| | Chequer Lane Brinkmans Nurseries ditch | Brinkmans have started to clear the ditch and are about halfway along. The ditch at the N side of the road has a lot of water in it presumably because there is no exit flow from the south side. The grill is quite impenetrable so CK has no hope of doing anything. The one thing is certain is that Chequer Lane will flood unless something is done to get the pipe repaired/rodded or whatever and that includes the exit ditch | DW to write to the CDC to issue an enforcement letter to Brinkmans Nurseries. |

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| Saturday 6 th PP report (cont) | Stumps Lane ditch | The Stumps ditch to the East is almost impenetrable but as far as I can see is OK. Main grille was clear. | Cleared entry to the Stumps ditch a bit and cleared the exit from Stumps End which was heavily weeded and not flowing. |
| Tuesday 9th | Delling Lane and Bosham Lane Millstream Hotel gauge | CDC Road sweeper in operation Reading 2.8m (mid afternoon PN) | Thank you |
| Friday 19 th PP report | Churchfield Stream section Manhole cover at junction of Walton Lane and Crede Lane (see pic) | The problem with the Southern end is that the telegraph wires are on the N side of the ditch and as such the EA team cannot use the digger. He indicated that it will be cleared by hand. There is a constant torrent of water at the manhole opposite Crede Lane. | EA to clear manually? PP will write to Southern Water and hopefully they will investigate |
| Monday 22 nd | Ratham Lane and East Ditch (from <i>Frenchams</i> downstream) | EA have now cleared these sections BUT the fallen tree still obstructs the flow. | See pictures in Appendix. |

END OF REPORT

APPENDIX



Exit ditch from Brinkmans Blocked



**Overflow pipe from holding area flowing gently
Entry pipe needs clearing**



Exit pipe into East ditch badly silted

Rounds on 6th Sept 2008



**Bosham Stream near M27
Tree restricting flow and far too much water going into overflow. See restriction**



Forge Cottage

Rounds on 19th Sept 2008



**For ever flowing manhole at entrance to Crede Lane
Bosham (off Walton Lane)
Continual flow for over 12 months.**



Ratham Lane section cleared



East Ditch cleared