

BOSHAM PARISH COUNCIL WATER BAILIFF

MONTHLY REPORT – April 2009

INTRODUCTION

A warm welcome to my first report: It's an honour to be appointed as the new Water Bailiff and Flood Warden. I had been seeking an opportunity to contribute more to the community (other than a modest website), something that would get me out and about in the "real world". This is an ideal opportunity, an intriguing subject and it gets me away from my computer at "Shedquarters", Benedicts – adjacent to what we call "Ground Zero" - the pile of rubble previously known as Bosham Service Station. You are welcome to drop in for a cuppa anytime.

A little about me. I am 53, married to Annette (a nurse/midwife) and have four adult children: James, Elisabeth, Kezia and Simon. We are local family (five generations) and I feel extremely fortunate to live here. My interests include Rugby, Surfing, Sailing, Fishing and Scuba. A substantial part of my career has been spent working for the Charity sector. Prior to that: briefly the military, then Hotel & Leisure management, followed by two Restaurants of my own. Since 2003 I have been building a business called "The Handyman Group". We have nearly 30 teams around the UK.

Executive Summary

A total of 50.0 mm of rain fell this month. (18% less than last year)

My first few weeks have been spent on a substantial 'learning curve' with the generous assistance of my predecessor Dave West and Les Trois Pierres: Peter Price (PP), Peter Stern (PS) and Peter Newman (PN), each one an engineer with myriad knowledge to contribute. I have greatly appreciated their wisdom and humour as we toured the areas together. There have been a few incidents this month (reported inside).

Most notable of other activities are that PP, PN and myself had very useful meetings with CDC, the EA and WSCC Highways. Notes on these meetings are available and they will soon be posted onto our new website (currently being trialled). You are welcome, indeed encouraged to contribute articles, notes and images for publication there. (bosham.org/water) My main objective for the site is to make it informative, fun and perhaps even educational.

I still have a lot to learn but it's good to know that there is such a willing and able team of volunteers and advisors on hand. My sincere thanks to all.

Anthony Black (Tony / AB)
May 1st 2009

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
Ms. Lisa 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	AB	-	Anthony Black (Tony)
BPC	-	Bosham Par Council	LR	-	Lisa Roberts						

Date	Site/Weather Situation	Observation	Action
Thursday 2 nd	Walton Lane	A few blockages, most serious were the pipes at Normandy and Little Oak	Cleared
Friday 10 th	Walton Lane, Taylors Lane, Chequer Lane	Surprisingly large pooling after little rain but useful experience to track/avert potential future problems.	Cut several new grips and re-opened some old ones. Pics in Appendix.
Mon 13 th	(PP) junction of Taylors Lane and Stumps Lane	We have cleared the fallen tree and the inlet to the pipe at the junction of Taylors Lane and Stumps Lane. However the undergrowth is so thick that we cannot see where it joins the pipe under Taylors Lane.	PP will ask for this to be cleared sometime soon.
Tues 14 th	Meeting with CDC: Gavin Holder. PP, PN & AB	Very helpful. Thank you.	Minutes to be added to website
Wed 15 th	Meeting with WSCC Highways.	Many issues addressed, with thanks.	Notes to be added to website.
Friday 17 th	Meeting with EA. Mike Ford, Dave Hopgood. PP, PN, AB Flooding reported in BSC Dinghy Park.	Very helpful. Consent to adjust Penstock as and when needed. AB met with Mike McGrail to discuss. The leakage from the Moreton Road sluice had filled the Millpond and overflowed at the southern end.	Notes to be added to website We cleared west side exits towards Burnes together. .

Sat 18 th	Penstock	Closed off the penstock to 45. At that time the M/S gauge was 2.1.	This left about 3cm overflow into Colner. The leak in the corner added a small amount to this.

	Dinghy Park	Seems that problem is solved however Millpond probably now lower than locals would like.	Will be better controlled with new Moreton Rd sluice (intended in the Summer)

	M/S gauge in the evening.	Has risen to 2.8. BSC gate open.	Crystal clear, moving fast. Good.
Mon 20 th	Meeting at BPC HQ: LR, AB & Patsy West	AB reporting on activities	Merge BPC site & Bosham.org Expand group presence

	New WB website launched	www.bosham.org/water	Trial period.
Wed 29 th	Most areas	General tour around. All quiet on the Western front but Penstock/Ratham corner still leaking badly (see pic). The tree is also causing some blockage there.	To be fixed July/Aug but ensuring sufficient flows both directions (toward village and through field).

END OF REPORT

APPENDIX



Walton Lane / Chequer Lane (before & after)



Stumps Lane / Taylors Lane (before & after)

10.4.2009

