



Scropton Flood Update – December 2020

I met with the Flood engineer from DCC 28th Nov to discuss progress on the points below. There has been some positive progress on most issues. I have asked him to send me (& Parish Council) an update as to progress and what he may need me/ Parish Council to do to move issues on a little quicker. I have asked this to be before the next Parish Council meeting scheduled for December.

This update contains a full account of the activities which need to be addressed and the progress made to date, therefore is quite a substantial document. The areas in **bold blue** are updates on actions from the November version of this document.

Quarry Consultation

As residents may be aware Derbyshire County Council are seeking views on the sand and gravel supply from the area following changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, which require local plans to cover a 15-year period post adoption, the councils have extended the plan period to 2036.

A group of residents have worked on pulling together a document which people can use as a template for submitting their objections to this proposed site. You can find this document (on the Facebook group or email me for a copy).

Several residents have been mobilised to raise awareness of this consultation and will be working hard over the next week or so to ensure as many people in the village area aware and submit their objections.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP OUT.

Comments MUST BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL BEFORE 13/12/20

Ways you can submit your comments

- By email to the Planning services development
- **Email:** ete.wastemin@derbyshire.gov.uk

N.B. There is no other method listed on the Derbyshire County Council website for submitting comments.

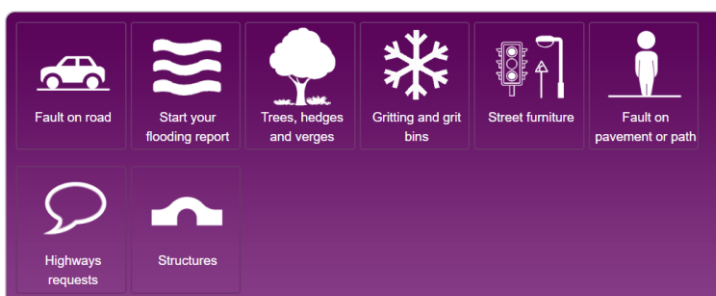
Update on issues raised July 2020

Highway Drainage system on Scropton Road

- Some issues re blocked drains have been raised by one of our flood wardens, and has been reported via the [Derbyshire County Council website](https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/do-it-now/road-maintenance.asp) – link <https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/do-it-now/road-maintenance.asp>
- DCC have confirmed gullies will continue to be cleansed on an annual basis. Any blocked gullies or concerns between cyclical visits can be reported on the “**Report it now**” web pages, and this is the always the preferred route. See below what can be reported via this portal.

Report or request

Please select the type of fault that you would like to report or the nature of your request.



- Possible Future Action – ‘Watch and wait’ - if we feel as a village the gullies need to be cleansed more frequently than this, then we can look to lobby to Cllr Simon Spencer, as highways come under his portfolio, and he will respond accordingly.
- Update 13/11/20 - Some further works are to be carried out by Avara foods which should hopefully take place early 2021 which will reduce the risk of water compromising the highway drainage systems in the winter.

Ditch at the side of the Parish Hall

- **Report Comment:** It is critical to de-silt this watercourse before this Winter (2020). The ditch is currently silted up to a depth of around 300mm (1ft) along its full length and is completely blocking the outfall to one of DCC’s highway drainage systems.
Actions: DCC has written to the riparian landowners (resident & Parish Council), is awaiting a response.
Update 13/11/20 - Parish Council agreed at the meeting 10/11/20 to obtain 3 quotes for the clearing of the ditch.
- **Report Comment:** As part of this work that the NRV (Non return valve) which is sitting in the watercourse is removed along with the wall and pipework. In my opinion the wall, pipe and NRV provide no benefit.
Action: DCC will clarify with the Environment Agency that this is the case before it’s removed
Update 1/12/20 – RQ has confirmed with EA (operations team-Richard Curl) confirmed this NRV is not listed as an asset. So, technically this is ‘owned’ by the riparian landowners and could possibly be removed during the ditch maintenance work.
Resident Meeting Update: BS raised concern re the potential removal of the NRV. His view was that someone felt it necessary to install this, so would be nervous about its removal.

PARISH COUNCIL ATTENTION – Do the council know anything regards the NRV? Is it possible council could check their records to see if they can determine when this was installed and by whom.

- **Report Comment:** Suggested that the Parish will need to plan some long-term management of this watercourse, as it will require regular works in future years.
Action: Flood Wardens to discuss with Parish Council when they give their update at the PC meeting.
Update 1/12/20: Due to COVID-19 there have been restrictions to public speakers at Parish Council meetings, therefore all flood warden updates have had to be via email. I attend the Parish Council meetings and supply an emailed update prior to the meetings as to progress made and any subsequent requests for the Parish Council. If anyone would like a copy of these please let me know.
- Note, Severn Trent Water would like to undertake some improvement works to their surface water outfall at some point (probably after it’s been ditched out).
Update 13/11/20: I have emailed the Severn Trent contact (5/11/20) and have not had a response. I have chased again 13/11/20.
Update 1/12/20 - still no response, so have aske the EA representative for help in making contact.

Ditch along Watery Lane

- The ditch requires some maintenance work on it
Action: DCC will write to the Riparian landowners (from the properties on Watery Lane right down to Riding Centre) asking them to undertake this work.
DCC Highways will also be asked if they are prepared to contribute towards any of these works.
Update 13/11/20: No response re riparian landowners. DCC have contacted however haven’t had anything back from them yet.
Update 01/12/20: as above

Junction of Watery Lane and Leathersley Lane

- 2 side entry gullies require lifting or replacing
Action: will ask Highways to undertake this work to improve the highway drainage in this area.
- There are also concerns in relation to a highway gully outside Halfield on Leathersley Lane.
Update 13/11/20: DCC have notified Highways about the 2 side entry gully defects, and haven’t had anything back from them yet
Update 1/12/20 – RW will follow this up with Highways Agency again. He will send an email to me outlining what works have been requested and include some contact details at Highways so I can follow-up on behalf of the village.
ACTION: Contact Highways to ask how the areas for maintenance are progressing/ when are they scheduled to be performed etc.

Flood Storage Area at the back of the playground

- This requires some debris clearance, as the build-up of debris in the bottom is higher than the invert level of the outfall pipe, consequently is not being utilised as effectively as it could be.
- This is an area of land which isn't registered to anyone
Action: DCC to check if land is registered to anyone, if not then DCC & PC will have to figure out a way as to how this can be funded.

Update 13/11/20: This is still an outstanding action for DCC.

Update 1/12/20 – was discussed at length at the Parish Council's residents meeting 17/12/20. Await to hear Parish Council actions post their meeting 8/12/20

Culvert railway line at the back of Regal House

- Network Rail have surveyed the culvert and will address issues they have identified (within their remit)
Action: DCC to contact network rail to understand issues

Update 13/11/20: DCC have contacted Network rail regarding the culvert at the back of Regal House.

No update for 1/12/20

Pumping options

- It was discussed at length the possibility of a number of pumping options for the village. Once we have estimates, we can then talk in more detail as to which one is the most feasible, for the amount of grant funding we could get.

Action: DCC to endeavour to get some budget estimates for these.

Update 13/11/20: No update at this time

Update 1/12/20 – RW is hoping to have a topographical survey performed before end of 2020. This will help form their plan for if/ where to have a pump solution. RW feels this is the

Misc

- DCC will arrange a level survey of the drainage systems and watercourses as discussed. This will inform further discussions about pumping etc.
Update 13/11/20: Outstanding
Update 1/12/20 – RW is hoping to have a topographical survey performed before end of 2020. This will help form their plan for if/ design of pump solution. RW feels this is the best way to go for the village and is still looking into this; working with the EA also.
There is lots of work involved to set this solution up, so realistically this will not be in place until next winter.
- **Flap Values** - There has been an issue raised regarding the EA flap valves off Brook Lane. Concerns that Network Rail may have been tampering with the EA flap valves which have left them ajar. DCC have followed this up with Network Rail and EA, however there is no update from either.
I contacted EA concerning other matters and mentioned, I have since received the following information
'We have been having conversations with Richard Ward, and are looking into it as there is more than one flap and not all are maintained by us – may need a site visit which will have to wait for now due to the lockdown. So update is that we will update properly later.'
- **NEW – Parish Council member has reported some missing signage at Leathersley Lane; missing Flooding Flap sign & missing weight restrictions**
Update 1/12/20 – RW will follow these up with the Highways Agency.

Community Flood Plan

I continue to work on a Scropton Village Community Flood Plan document. I had a really good session with a Engagement Advisor for Flood Resilience lady from the EA and she has sent some really useful information over. This will take a few weeks to read, understand and will hopefully help us to complete the flood plan document.

We hope to be put in contact with other local village Flood Wardens so we can share learnings and get some support from one another.

Resident Information

The utilities companies provide free services to those deemed as 'priority' needs within the community.

- *Retired*
- *Disability*
- *Medical needs*

If residents lose one of their utilities the utility company is bound to provide back up, generator, delivery of bottled water.

We are still hoping to host a village education session, however COVID-19 has prevented this from happening. I have spoken with the relevant bodies/ people and they are happy to attend this session. EA have lots of useful information to share which could help our community plan, prevent and manage flood situations.

The session will have representatives from the Environmental Agency, Derbyshire Emergency Planning and DCC flood engineer, I have also invited our local Police Community Support Officer who is happy to attend.

Resident Meeting

The residents held a Zoom meeting 1/12/20 to discuss village issues. This was a successful meeting with lots of really positive contributions from all who attended. We plan to hold one each month and are looking at the best way to do this.

Flood related queries are detailed below;

- Regarding the parish hall ditch, the pipe which leads under the railway is quite silted up (one of the people who quoted ditch job reported).
I have asked RW - Who do we contact about this, Network Rail? I await his response.
 - Re topographical report, several villagers reported that they thought this had been done back in 2017. A resident managed to find these contact names from the work back then
- Tor.Coombes@derbyshire.gov.uk (we understand this lady has left DCC), mark.swain@environment-agency.gov.uk, Lauren.Christopher@derbyshire.gov.uk, Stephen.Patterson@rpsgroup.com and angela.pegram@btinternet.com (Parish Councillor).
I have sent these details to RW and asked if he can follow this up at DCC, I await his response.
 - Some residents raised concerns on installation of a pumping solution. They felt this was more a corrective than preventative measure, and would obviously prefer the water to be diverted before it gets to the village rather than dealing with it in the village.
I have raised with RW, and await his response. However, this solution will be developed over the coming months and when at the right stage RW will engage with the village.
 - Some residents are affected by sewage when flooding occurs, this doesn't seem to be progressing.
I have raised with RW, I have also raised with Liz Fowler (EA) and Chris Mulligan from Severn Trent. I await their responses.
 - The 'overflow field' or 'flood store field' at the village end of Watery Lane, between riding school and houses, this never seems to fill with water. There was some piping from the road which looked like it led to the field, but this does not seem to work, do we know who's responsibility this is?
Have let RW know and asked for some advice on this/ this to be considered.
 - Ditch at Watery Lane was brought up by a resident who could not make the meeting. Lots of litter & debris in ditches, causing blockages, no routine maintenance, difficulty in establishing riparian land ownership as well as the edges of the ditch being worn away by HGVs. The resident suggested a more permanent solution to this problem is required; install 'some spun concrete pipe 600mm in diameter would clear all water off Watery Lane with an inlet every 20m off the road side. This would stop any road crush from HGV and overgrowth every year. This would hopefully keep the flow going and if the water is flowing through the culvert fast enough we might be onto a winner'.
I have sent the above to RW and await his response.
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I hope you agree there has been some positive progress made, even though it is slower than we all hoped. If you have any questions or would like further detail, please send me an email. Again, if anyone would like to help please do let me know it would be nice to have more people to help out.

Kind regards

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