

Hambledon Village Meeting 23/5/19 – Presentation from the FAG

1) Review at the close of the “Flooding Season” this year – Overview of the effectiveness of the Big Pipe 2018/19

- There was some significant (but not torrential) rain which the system coped with for the collection and flow of surface water through the village
- However, no cellar pumping was required, so there was no test of the overall effectiveness of the pipe under full-load conditions when a volume of groundwater is added for the system to deal with

2) Maintenance of the Big Pipe and Flood Resilience Measures

- There are still design features of the pipe which are currently being dealt with by Hampshire County Council, mostly in the areas around the outflow down-stream of the Old Forge Tea Room
- Ongoing maintenance work is also required, including clearing of gullies (over 100 of them), grips, inlet drainage ditches sometimes referred to as winterbournes, culverts, and the big pipe outlet, with its screen, collection basin, and ditch down to Hook Vinney
- Everyone living on paved streets can expect a build-up of leaves this autumn, and keeping their adjacent gutter gratings clear of debris is highly recommended – we cannot depend on HCC forces to be immediately available for this task

3) Communication with Villagers with regard to flooding matters, and specifically those properties that flood from groundwater

- Information on possible heavy weather conditions or flooding will be distributed by the Hambledon Parish Council via email or notice boards
- Properties that may have to pump-out cellars from groundwater or wells, will be kept continually updated by the FAG. as impending threats or conditions arise. Those occupants need to take early precautions for the next flood season, beginning in mid-October 2019, and will be receiving appropriate reminders
- If there are questions or concerns, contact the Flood Action Group for support and guidance – especially those new property owners who have not experienced the need to pump-out
- Information on flooding matters and weather conditions will be distributed to those affected early in the Autumn from the FAG