

Flood Report For BMPC meeting March 2025

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BURN STUDY UPDATE

To note that the findings will be delayed to the end of March.

Suggestion from Flood Reporter that we assemble a team of volunteers.

The Norfolk County Council Flood risk team have been working for the past year on a computer model to identify steps that can be taken to minimise the consequences of flooding related to the River Burn.

The preliminary results of this work will be issued for consultation to our Parish Council in March of this year.

The Parish Council would like to assemble a small team of Volunteers particularly those with a historical knowledge of the River Burn to review the output of the model and the recommendations of the Flood Risk Team and respond accordingly. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer member of this group please contact the Parish Clerk.

Thank you

MAG Groundwater group meeting notes – Feb 2025

The Chairman noted that the grill and measuring points had been installed recently at Burnham Market.

DC pointed out that the adjustment of the kerbing along the route of the Goosbeck had not yet taken place and that he had been advised by Victoria Buckingham that this would not happen in this financial year as the work was considered as low priority.

The Chairman undertook to expedite this work.

A list of incident contacts was discussed. It was agreed that all incidents should be reported to the appropriate agency at either Norwich or Kings Lynn as appropriate.

In the case of Anglian Water incidents should be brought to the attention of Victoria Crerand.

Groundwater forecasts were tabled by Steve Halls.

Rainwater forecasts were discussed.

Neither revealed any areas of concern at this point in time.

Steve Halls referred to the computer modelling work and associated proposals which would be released for local / PC review in March.

He promised to provide a crib sheet for FAQ's

The situation regarding the operation of sluices on the Overy road area is to be reviewed by the Chairman following the release of data from the NCC WSP study.

Multi Agency Group

Minutes: MAG001 Norfolk Groundwater Challenges

Date: 07.02.2025

1 Attendees

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Name	Name	Name
Robert Kelly (Norfolk CC)	Cllr Dennis Clark (Burnham Market PC)	Rory Sanderson (EA)
Dannielle Claridge (AECOM)	Victoria Crerand (AW)	Emily Lindsell (AW)
Dave Robson (West Norfolk BC)	Steven Halls (Norfolk CC)	Jade Kite (West Norfolk BC)
Julia Smith (Representative for James Wild MP)	Sarah Moreton (AW)	Fiona Johnson (Norfolk CC)
Caroline Boyden (South Creake Parish Clerk)	Cllr Andy Driver (Gayton PC)	

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Review of actions from previous meetings

- Dave Robson (DR) offered to meet offline regarding planning with Victoria Crerand (VC) and Hannah Wilson (HW) – **in progress, Victoria Crerand (VC) to send invite following the meeting.**
- It was suggested that the comms group could look at producing a one-sheet document with useful contact numbers and information for residents – **Sarah Moreton (SM) and Dave Robson (DR) to send information to Dannielle Claridge to circulate to the meeting members. It has been agreed that the different stakeholders will attend site to discuss issues further with the community if and when there are future incidents. Sharing where to access the local hydrological groundwater data would help residents see the changes as they occur, and then help understand the situation may be changing, and how to see this may be changing.**
- Mark Ogden (MO) to distribute information on groundwater study, once this has been approved at the stakeholder virtual workshop in January 2025 – **see update below.**

- Environment Agency, Rory Sanderson (RS) to explore the right of access that residents have to the Overly Road sluice gate as this is in private land, and the powers that the EA have regarding opening this – **in progress.**
- Robert Kelly (RK) to speak with Sarah Moreton (SM) about communications to be issued regarding the update on works to present – **in progress, awaiting an update from the highways department before this is circulated.**
- RS to circulate rainfall summary slides to the distribution list – **in progress, discussed how frequently this could be shared, and agreed it would be useful in future if there are significant events**
- Michael de Whalley (MdW) to send over details of concerns from the parish council meeting to Tom Hunter to investigate – **in progress.**
- RK to feedback information from the parish council meetings at the next working group – **completed.**
- RK to send an invite to the councilors to attend the working groups – **completed.**

Update from Burnham Market Parish Council

- Dennis Clark (DC)
 - Discussed an issue with the kerbing which was linked to flooding in the area. RK noted that he would chase Jason Morse about this issue as it is known - **see action list.**

Update from River Burn Working Group

- Steven Halls (SH)
 - The study has progressed, with an update sent to the North Creake Parish Council recently. Last Wednesday a technical workshop took place to look at the initial baseline results from the modelling, there are actions that have come from this that will be completed over the coming weeks, with revisions made to the model. SH to send to Caroline Boyden (CB) and DC to share with residents, this will include an update on the work that has been done, and the study, as well as an FAQ section to explain some of the aspects that will be shared to help understand the data. This is expected to be available around the end of February or early March 2025 - **see action list.**
 - RK - this would be a useful time for AW to share information on the work that has been done to help, to highlight the areas that have been picked up within the study.
 - Results look at the “Do Nothing” scenario as well as the impact that follows interventions that have been added.
 - The issue around the mills currently is the level of siltation. Opening the gates would make a slight difference but the level of siltation would limit the impact of this. Future modelling will account for this issue.
 - An optioneering pack will be disseminated as well as the model results for comments and feedback.

- DR - if this needs to be sent to other parishes, this can be circulated to the other clerks by the Borough Council.

Update on Acorn Drive, Gayton

- DR -
 - Survey completed by AW shows there is still some concern over one stretch of pipework that is blocked, there may also be a blockage in the lateral dykes. This needs to be explored to determine if this can be alleviated and improved, to help with the flooding in local gardens
 - Riparian ditch seems to be the issue, if this can be fixed the flow of water would be helped.
 - VC – will check if this has been actioned in terms of clearing the pipe, as this was previously agreed. To discuss this with AW colleagues and look to action work that is required to reinstate the connection - [see action list, VC to set up](#)
 - SH – will discuss with colleagues to find the riparian owner if required.

Communications

- SM -
 - Press release can be shared on NSFA and the work that has been completed by stakeholders to date.

Election of a new chair

- RK – asked if anyone was interested in taking on the role
 - VC - initially AW took responsibility for these meetings, however the aim for this was for other stakeholders to take ownership of this over time, suggested that if it was locally owned this would be useful in future.
 - Request for nominations to be circulated to the group - [see action list](#)

AOB

- N/A

34	Robert Kelly to chase Jason Mourse about the kerbing issue in Burnham Market.	Robert Kelly (Norfolk CC)
35	Steven Halls to send the River Burn study report to Caroline Boyden and Dennis Clark to share with residents, once this is ready at the end of February or early March.	Steven Halls (Norfolk CC)

36	Victoria Crerand to check if the pipe on Acorn Drive has been cleared, and will discuss with AW colleagues the work that is required to reinstate the connection.	Victoria Crerand (Anglian Water)
37	Robert Kelly to send a request for chair nominations to the group members.	Robert Kelly (Norfolk CC)

Next Meeting: TBC