

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in Fritwell Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm**

**Those present: 27 Residents, Parish Council, Anglian Water (2), CALA Homes (5)**

- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. Presentation by Anglian Water:** Cllr Foster introduced the guests from Anglian Water (Rose Shisler, Stakeholder engagement Programme Lead and Tom Birch, Water recycling Network Manager) to provide an overview of current and future activity and to answer questions post presentation.

### High level content of presentation

Anglian water stated that the network suffers from high level of ingress which causes backup to 3 properties in Forge place. This issue is currently mitigated through the frequent use of tankers which they accept is not sustainable. One of the planned solutions is to add storage capacity using containers with a pump at entry point to handle peak rainfall periods and the content of the container released slowly. Anglian Water further stated that this proposed action had been checked and was deemed to be a legally compliant solution and that the placement of a container was scheduled within the next month subject to driver availability. While this was a temporary placement, should it prove successful, it would remain permanently.

In addition, to identify the root cause issues a full CCTV survey has been completed and some small remedial work carried out. The CCTV work did not provide sufficient information to fully establish root cause due to water levels at the time.

Anglian Water reported that they were engaging in the use of some new technology known as iTracker which would be used at the Fritwell site. The system includes the use of 10 locators to help identify ingress points with the ability to download information on-site. A 3 month survey using this technology is scheduled to start in October and run for 3 months. The hope is that this will allow identification of root cause issues and allow appropriate repairs.

Outside the above, Anglian Water stated that they were also trying, with some difficulty, to make contact with local flood agencies as there would be a resulting flood risk if the surface water no longer entered the current system. Effectively it had to go somewhere therefore working with the flood agencies was essential.

They further stated that the repair team were looking at how they address some of the issues at Forge Place but were not specific about any planned work.

### **3. Questions to Anglian Water**

Question: Cllr Foster read the first question submitted by a resident who could not attend – Tankers seem to have been used for many years but in recent year they have become much more frequent and it seems that the facility has not been upgraded for a significant number of years.

AW response: The facility was installed pre-1970's but the Anglian Water representative stated that he did not hold the remit for the actual facility. RS agreed to look into this and respond via the Parish Council.

Question: How much treated on-site and how much removed

AW response: RS to follow up and respond via Parish council.

Question: Is the facility sized for the village needs today (note this was a question previously asked by the Parish Council and the same response was received).

AW response: During a state of normal flow this facility is adequate but will always need some tanker activity to clear build up material but this applies to all facilities.

Question: If the issues in Forge place are resolved, where will the surface water go and where will this problem then manifest.

AW response: Anglian Waters aim is to stop surface water getting into AW facility but accept that this could then result in other issues and while they are making all efforts to contact local flood authority, they are having difficulty. AW asked for the Parish Council help and support in this matter. Cllr Foster agreed.

Question: Historically we were told it was pump breakdowns not capacity issues – this no longer seems to be the case.

AW response: There will always be some breakdown but this is not the main issue accounting for the use of tankers.

Question: Resident picked up Tom Birch's introduction where he stated that he was not responsible for the actual facility and asked who is and could they attend the next meeting. Resident also stated that the proposed container solution seemed to be an emergency temporary measure and not an enduring part of the solution.

AW response: from RS – yes we can have someone responsible for the facility here in the future but no, AW did not agree that containers were emergency or temporary – they stated that this was not the only solution as the output of iTracker work was likely to identify some root causes which would be addressed but containers were an accepted and legal permanent in-part solution.

Question: Resident requested data relating to the actual facility

AW response: RS agreed that this would be provided through the Parish Council

Question: Itracker will be in place 3 months but when will issue be resolved and what is the plan B

AW response: as AW do not yet know what the output of the survey work will be they cannot answer at this time and this is a current course of action which they believe will provide essential information and therefore have not mapped out an alternative plan at this point.

Question: what is the age of the system and the pipework through-out the village.

Installed pre-1970 but some additions since but age of the other areas of pipework is not fully documented as much of this was in place pre-Anglian Water formation.

Question: One of the things which is lacking is stream cleaning to allow water which is current not flowing to flow. What is really required is maintenance and who is responsible for that maintenance which would very likely sort a significant proportion of the issue.

AW response: AW would not be responsible and assume it should be landowners / flood authority / environment agency. The question was passed to District Councillor Fatemian who cannot answer at this point but will follow up.

Question: On the Cherwell DC website it states that the new CALA development will not touch Anglian water assets – in writing on the Cherwell district council site. What happens with increased flow rates as brook / stream can only take so much.

AW response: Agree that the water will drain off to the same places but did not offer a solution and Cllr Foster agreed that this needs looking into further.

Question: During Covid Forge Place gardens experienced an overflow and AW advised that they would sanitised but this has not been done to date.

AW response: RS has taken the point and will investigate.

Resident highlighted a potential Thames water overcharge and advised people to look at bills and contact Thames Water as a number of people had successfully applied for refunds.

Cllr Foster thanked Anglian Water for their time and invited them back to a future meeting to report on progress and again help answer questions from residents.

#### **4. CALA Homes**

CALA Homes team introduced themselves to the meeting and delivered a short introduction stating that they expected a decision mid to late October but that all aspects followed the original outline plan. All information could be found on the planning website.

CALA further stated that (because they were present during the Anglian Water section of the meeting) they were conscious of concerns around drainage and happy to take questions.

Meeting moved directly to questions to CALA team.

Question: Having read the drainage report in some detail it seems the actions required to ensure adequate drainage are extremely manual – for example the emptying of gullies and the removal of leaves to name two. Who will have the enduring required action post completion and sale of the properties.

CALA response: Part will be adopted by Highways but mainly the appointed management company. That said, the expectation is that residents will report issues to the management company.

Request to CALA – can you make this clear on the posted documentation as it is currently not included.

Question: There is tanker space under green area on the plan and it looks like the water running into same place as Anglian Water overflow (brook). How did CALA come up with flow rates for this run-off.

CALA response: – rates are based on what comes off field today and will be reduced when building complete. Any additions flow to storage tank and released at appropriate rates.

Question: Road layout within development – there seems to be some areas of adopted road and private. What is the reason for this.

Response: Based on usage and aesthetics

Question: Multiple questions around road calming and traffic

Will the 30mph Speed limit be extended further out of the village

Can we look at installing a give way island so flow is directed and made safer

Can we consider speed control raised area of road or different road surface

Parish Council chair stated that the Parish Council would like to see more traffic calming measures in general and asked that CALA considers possibilities.

CALA response: Understand that there may be different solutions but CALA has approved access as per the plan.

Cllr Boyce stated that speed calming need public consultation about both speeding and parking – data has been taken from VAS but we want a way to enforce speed limits. The current speeding data is on the website but this is an area which the Parish Council take very seriously and are working on.

Cllr Boyce also reminded the meeting that we continue to ask for speed watch volunteers and anyone can volunteer by emailing the clerk.

Question: District Cllr Fatemain – outside the 106 agreement will they have extra money for traffic calming

CALA response: Don't believe any funds are available outside the agreement

Question: Number of questions around CALA's lack of Eco credentials given the fact fossil fuel use on the new development when smaller developments within the village had provided Eco friendly solutions.

CALA response: this was detailed in the outline submitted in 2019 and fell within building regulations. It is a commercial decision. They also responded to the question on how many of their developments had Eco systems. The CALA speaker said he couldn't think of one but it would depend on the regulations within that council area.

Question: The planned build in red brick was considered by some but not all residents as out of character with the village but also considered by others as a welcome break in uniformity.

CALA response: there is little cost difference but pointed out that they were not quite sure what the consensus was!

Question: Distribution of 106 funds – why do these funds go outside Fritwell

Response: Cllr Foster picked up this point and explained that the funds going to Heyford Park school were within the remit of the OCC education officers. Funds for Fritwell primary school would be assessed based on a formula which included the additional number of primary school children and the number of unfilled places available at the school at that point. Cllr Fatemain agreed to obtain and provide to the parish council the calculations for 106 education funding.

In terms of other S106 amounts, funds had been assigned to the village hall and the playing fields but the amount allocated for 'indoor' sport has not gone to the village as we have no indoor sports facilities.

Cllr Fatemian stated that there was a need to work with the district council to create a template formula for future development but it was unlikely anything could be done with the current CALA

Cllr Foster thanked CALA for their time.

## **5. PARKING**

Parking issues within the village were raised by a number of residents with some pointing out specific examples. District Cllr Fatemain advised that there was a change in policy which allowed more civil enforcement responsibility for parking and ability to suggest where double yellow lines were placed.

It was agreed that parking was a concern and that this was something that needed suggestions from all via the clerk.

## **6. ACV Kings Head**

Request from a resident that the Parish Council complete and submit a new ACV nomination for the Kings Head Public House. Current Acv expires on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and nominations can be entered from this point forward. After discussion the Chair asked residents present (27) to indicate if they supported this action and the retention of a pub in the village. All present agreed. PC to work with interested residents to complete the form.

## **7. Minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Proposed, passed and signed by Cllr Foster