

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Full Council 14/11/2024

Flood Warden

Agenda item 24/094 7: To consider the information received on flooding and sewerage challenges and resolve the response to the query regarding Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council's plans to recruit a flood warden.

Background

An email has been received from a resident from Burghfield as follows:

Dear SMPC Clerk,

I would be most grateful if you would consider accepting the following question to be presented during SMPC's next full council meeting.

Question:

"West Berkshire District Council's Special Scrutiny Commission meeting held on Thursday 17 October 2024 focussed on flooding and associated sewage challenges occurring throughout the district area of West Berkshire.

The meeting was attended by both the Environment Agency and Thames Water and included representatives from existing and newly formed flood forums.

The meeting was live streamed and is available to view [Scrutiny Commission, Thursday, 17 October 2024 - YouTube](#), a copy of the presentations are accessible via [West Berkshire Council - Agenda for Scrutiny Commission on Thursday 17 October 2024, 6.00 pm](#)

An overview of known flooding and sewage challenges presented by West Berkshire Council's officers substantiated the ongoing concerns raised by affected communities and individuals alike.

As we move towards winter there exists the potential of increased rainfall resulting in a repeat of previous flooding events, resulting in the potential damage to homes and businesses plus the discharging of permitted and illegal sewage discharges across Burghfield & Mortimer Ward area.

There exists opportunities for those parishes located within the Burghfield & Mortimer Ward area to follow in the footsteps of the Pang, Lambourn and Newbury flood forums, and create the Kennet &/or Kennet & Avon Flood Forum. The referenced forums include the Councillor representatives associated with the relevant flood areas.

As a first step, I wish to inquire of Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council's plans to recruit a flood warden?"

Thank you in advance,

Clerk 05/11/2024