

All Stretton Flood Forum

Minutes of meeting Mon 19th May 2025 230pm at Hurst Wood, All Stretton.

Present: Cllr Andy Munro (Mayor), Roger White, Mike Goode (Chair), Simon Barber, Dominic Bowyer, Steve Burrows, Caroline Crump, Chris Naylor.

1. Welcome & apologies

Mike Goode thanked Andy & Vicky Munro for kindly hosting the meeting. He welcomed Roger White, and noted apologies received from Richard Bebb, Roger Eyre, Janet Ferguson, Kate Hunter, Dan Robinson, Judy Winkworth

2 All Stretton stream survey details & actions

The meeting discussed and agreed the need to clarify the two stream survey proposals to ensure sufficient focus on practical flood mitigation guidance. It was proposed that Abbi Langley might help clarify and firm up the proposals, to facilitate decisions at the next ASFF meet. Lead time also needed to be clarified.

3 National Trust progress report

The Forum was updated on progress with the rock armour to reinstate the Batch Valley track, and access to Robinlye. The NT continued to be willing to explore the possible use of the Open Coppice Field for flood mitigation. Andy proposed that Jim Petch be asked for advice. Dominic also flagged that the Stepping Stones project was currently finalising a major funding bid which could include some support for flood mitigation

3 Local fund raising and targets

Simon and Steve both reported (financial situation summarised by Steve as attached). It was hoped that CSTC would contribute, in response to our application, and that Morris Care might contribute too. Chris mentioned local residents' possible willingness to contribute, and Dominic suggested possible crowdfunding. It was agreed that the next meeting should be a deadline for progressing fund-raising, decisions should then be made about the survey budget.

4 Flood Forum website name needed before progressing.

The meeting reviewed the previously proposed name and agreed on 'Strettons Flood Forum'. This should be flagged when mailing the minutes and forum members invited to comment if not happy. Chris was asked to contact Helen Stowell to see if she might be interested in creating the site.

5 Peter Houseman rainfall charts available by email

Mike expressed gratitude for the rainfall data kindly collated by Peter, which had been circulated. This would be very useful in arguing the case for capital funds to implement mitigation recommended by the survey.

6 Any other business

Kate had kindly liaised with Shropshire Highways re drain clearance, and clearing the under-bridge culvert. Roger had kindly produced a map of drains/gullies around the bridge, showing how they drained into the stream. Roger had queried the culvert capacity, and possible lorry damage, which it was expected the Council would assess. It was agreed that an annual maintenance schedule was needed, to include gully and culvert clearance.

7 Next meeting

3pm Wed July 9th at Hurst Wood