

All Stretton Flood Forum

Meeting date

13.30pm Tues 28/10/25

Meeting Venue

National Trust Tearooms
Cardingmill Valley

Present:

Sandra Baker
Dominic Bowyer
Caroline Crump
Patrick Edwards
Mike Goode (Chair)
Cllr Mark Morris
Chris Naylor

Apologies:

Simon Barber
Richard and Erica Bebb
Steve Burrows, Treasurer
Roger and Sheila Eyre
Janet and Ken Ferguson
Kate and Jeremy Hunter
Abbi Langley
Cllr Andy Munro, Mayor

Agenda

1 Welcome & introductions

Mike Goode opened the meeting and apologised for the revised time

2 Apologies

Apologies had been received as above

3 Minutes of last meeting

These were agreed as a true record

4 Finance update

Steve Burrows had provided a report as circulated. Steve was thanked for his helpful work. ASFF members were encouraged to suggest any relevant funding sources to him, for possible NFM (Natural Flood Management) projects as per next item. Dominic Bowyer flagged a new Severn Trent fund.

5 Progress with NFM Survey details

Connor Furnival was now kindly the lead contact on behalf of CSTC. Renee Wallace (for Shropshire Wildlife Trust) had now started work, to include contact with the Commoners. Mike expressed his understanding that the survey would result in practical proposals of mitigation projects such as leaky dams, flood plains, wetlands including suggested locations and practical specifications

6 All Stretton volunteers' progress

The 'riparian rights' flier kindly supplied by John Bellis (Shropshire Council) was welcomed. Caroline Crump suggested she and volunteers could distribute this to residents along the Batch Valley brook east of the B road, to encourage residents to ensure the brook was unobstructed. Mike envisaged this should be distributed in Church Stretton and Little Stretton too. Patrick Edwards flagged the helpful 'dos and don'ts' page on the Shropshire Council website.

Meanwhile Mike was seeking approval to dredge this part of the stream, subject to funding. He had also sent photos of the river by Dirty Lane to Abbi to seek EA permission for dredging. Pat Beaumont (at 'Paloma') was also seeking permission for wall repairs on the stream banks, which ideally should be done before clearing debris downstream.

7 National Trust update

Dominic explained that the Strettons NT area now had a 'Restore Nature' brief, which could be helpful for NFM projects. The NT's 2026/7 budgets were now near final, but future funding/collaboration possibilities might exist. The NT was looking at a possible water retention project on Wildmoor, and similar projects might assist NFM on the east side of the Mynd in future.

Dominic mentioned a Shropshire Wildlife Trust NFM project at the back of Wilderhope, being monitored by Cardiff University. It was agreed to try for a 'go see' visit.

8 Stretton's Flood Forum website

www.strettonsfloodforum.co.uk

9 Any other Business

Stream monitors – a monitor has been installed to monitor stream level, by Penny Bienz' house, and Kate Hunter was collecting data. Dominic suggested this could be useful to measure a) lag, between rainfall and stream level b) duration of peak during high rain period.

Culvert/Stone trap – Roger Eyre had provided figures showing the culvert clearance had increased throughput capacity by several hundred per cent. However it still looked inadequate to cope with heavy rainfall, indeed turbulence at the culvert mouth would reduce throughput. There was agreement that some kind of trap to avoid the culvert become blocked up again was essential. However Patrick pointed out that the stone trapped could pose a challenge too.

Shropshire Council Cabinet Members – Chris and Mark agreed to liaise about familiarising the new Cabinet Members with local flooding issues

10 Date of next meeting

Provisionally 1pm Tuesday 20th January. To be confirmed.

