

BECKFORD VILLAGE FLOOD COMMITTEE

Beckford

Little Beckford

Grafton

STRATEGY

- To investigate & establish the root cause of the flooding within the Parish of Beckford & identify the key measures & solutions that are required to mitigate against future risk.
- To work in partnership with The Parish Council to achieve our objectives doing everything possible to alleviate the situation.
- To draw attention to our plight & vigorously lobby the various agencies concerned as well as National/Local Government for support in obtaining a comprehensive flood alleviation programme for the Parish.

OBJECTIVES Autumn/Winter 2008

Watercourses

- WDC to ensure all local watercourses are fit for purpose & pursue those riparian owners whose land is a flood threat.
- To ensure the annual watercourse maintenance is carried out by riparian owners.
- To liaise with other local Parish Councils to help sustain the flow of water downstream.

Ditches

- WDC to ensure Landowners make their ditches fit for purpose.
- Parish Council Lengthsman to monitor & report potential flood hazards & future maintenance issues.

Drains & Gullies

- WC Highways to ensure that the drains & gullies in flood prone areas are cleared regularly.
- Lengthsman to monitor & report to WCC through the PC.
- Parish Council to set up & advertise a reporting system for parishioners.

Little Beckford Culverts

- To aid & support the current work being carried out by the Highways Agency.
- Continue liaisons with the Agencies Joint Strategy Project to drive forward a final solution for both culverts. (HA, WCH & WDC)

Grafton Road Issues

- Continue to lobby Worcester County Highways regarding the dangerous conditions.

Severn Trent/ Flooding from the domestic drains

- Continue to aid & support Severn Trent with their current exploration work
- Continue to drive a feasibility case to ensure the necessary work is carried out to stop back flow & internal flooding from the domestic drainage system in Back Lane.
- Instigate a similar programme for Little Beckford

Beckford Manor

- Explore a possible solution to the current flood risk by the possible reinstatement of an existing 20year old Bund.
- Secure a grant to pay for the work

Emergency Strategy

- Ensure the Parish Council produces a comprehensive working document to be used in flooding emergency.

Communication

- To continue to update the community on our actions & achievements.
- To continue to liaise with National/Local Government as well as the various Agencies on behalf of the Parish of Beckford.
- To continue to drive accountability for flood alleviation at the Parish Council Level.