

# BECKFORD VILLAGE FLOOD GROUP

August 2009

SUBJECT	ACTIONS	WHOM	WHEN
<b>Little Beckford Solution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend a meeting with the PC &amp; WDC</li> <li>Attend a PC /Authorities Public meeting regarding the proposed WCH drainage scheme</li> <li>Continue to press the PC for urgent action regarding culvert 3</li> <li>Monitor progress</li> </ul>	<p>Josephine &amp; Bill</p> <p>Steve, Bill &amp; Josephine</p> <p>Bill &amp; Josephine</p> <p>Group</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done <i>PC meeting 29<sup>th</sup> July</i></p> <p>On Going</p>
<b>Black Smith's Lane Drainage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look into ownership &amp; devise a lobbying strategy going forward</li> </ul>	Anton	Update Sept meeting
<b>House Protection Grant Scheme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update Progress on the Web</li> </ul>	Josephine	Ongoing

<p><b>Following our successful DEFRA grant application the BVFG would like to ensure there is absolutely no conflict of interest &amp; wishes to protect its members should any of them be considered eligible for a grant under the scheme.</b></p> <p><i>“Our position has been transparent from day one. We have worked closely with Wychavon DC &amp; Haycock Associates to help secure the Grant on behalf of the Parish.</i></p> <p><i>We will continue to support both the Parish Council &amp; District Council concerning communication. However we wish to make it clear to the community that we have NOT &amp; will NOT have any involvement with the decision making process &amp; will have no input into the final decision of which properties are to benefit from the scheme”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarify the group’s position with authorities as facilitators NOT decision makers.</li> <li>• Happy to have secured ownership from the PC &amp; look forward to supporting them going forward.</li> <li>• Will continue to monitor progress &amp; communication</li> </ul>	<p>Bill</p> <p>Group</p> <p>Josephine/Bill</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Done/Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>F.W.A.G &amp; EA Solutions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update</li> <li>• Continue networking with EA</li> </ul>	<p>Jo Bell Group</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>

<b>Watercourses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report issues to Josephine</li> </ul>	Group Community	Going Forward
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write to PC Clerk to set a date for the annual riparian letters &amp; request a letter go out Sept.</li> <li>Research how new legislation will effect the current complaints system</li> <li>Contact with Beckford Inn regarding their riparian duties</li> </ul>	Josephine  Group <i>Please let Josephine know if there are any takers</i>  Tina	Done  Sept Meeting  DONE
<b>Long term objective to have the Carrant &amp; Washourne adopted by the EA as Main Rivers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start to formulate a lobbying strategy so that the entire group can get involved.</li> <li>Research the benefits</li> <li>Use as a question on the Village plan</li> </ul>	Group  Tina  Julia	Sept Meeting <i>Discuss in more detail at the Sept meeting</i>  Next Plan meeting
<b>Request from the Village Plan Group</b> <i>Chairman has requested 3 questions for his next village survey,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular updates</li> <li>Straw Pole as to how the questions should be worded to add most value</li> </ul>	Julia  Bill to start it off & Julia to follow up	Ongoing  Mid Aug

## Well Done Team BVFG!

A huge thank you, for all your hard, work to date. We have come along way since we sat in Josephine's kitchen as a bunch of desperate folk in dire need of a flooding solution. We have made great progress & that is down to the hard work & commitment of the whole team. There is still a huge amount more we do for this community & moving forward we hope to engage new members & support from all corners of the Parish. I am sure we all appreciate the positive feedback that we have received & I hope that this can spur us on to achieve even more results over the coming months.

Our start up objectives remain the same & we will continue to follow through on our ongoing projects such as a complete solution for Little Beckford, Watercourse Maintenance /Riparian Owner responsibilities as well as the DEFRA Grant Scheme together with some new & important initiatives. I am please to report that the some members of the group have already started to pursue new exciting projects & I really look forward to seeing the results of these in the future months.

Future lobbying Campaigns will include -:

- Working with F.W.A.G, to look at possible Land Management /Drainage solutions for Grafton & the other hot spots.
- Lobbying the Environment Agency to accomplish the objective of getting the Carrant & Washbourne made into Main Rivers
- Lobbying the HA for more accountability & a more strategic approach to the Amy Mouchel drainage/ maintenance of the A46.
- To source solutions & work with the agencies regarding outstanding drainage issues in Rabbit Lane, Black Smiths Lane & Court Farm Lane.
- Encourage the Parish Council to take professional advice from a hydrologist source that will review the entire parish using LADAR technology & offer long-term strategic solutions which will protect in Beckford for the next 50 years or more.