MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HUGHENDEN VALLEY DIG

Elwood, Valley Road, Hughenden Valley, High Wycombe Bucks HP14 4LG Monday 17th June 2019 at 7.30pm

Attendees:

David & Debbie White (DW/DAW)
Paul & Carolyn Woodford (PW/CW)
Matt Hopkins (MH)
lain & Deborah Lemon (IL/DL)
Simon Cook (SC)
Sarah Mustapha (SM)
Angus Idle (AI)
John Gladwin (Chiltern Society) (JG)

Apologies: Sam and Rebecca Morrison and David Carroll

Agenda:

- 1. Committee's look back at 2018/2019
- 2. Financial Review
- 3. Election of Committee
- 4. Looking forward
- 5. AOB

		Action
1.0	Committee's look back at 2018/2019	
	DW explained that Thames Water have published an update document on the	
	Little Marlow Drainage Strategy and this has been added to the Documents	
	page of HVDIG's website by PW. They have now completed Stage 2, "Risk	
	Assessment", and Stage 3, "Options Appraisal". HVDIG raised a concern with	
	Thames Water that no mention was made in this document of the temporary	
	mobile treatment units held at Little Marlow in case of further sewage flooding	
	in the Valley. However, we are assured that this document is in addition to the	
	Stage 1 strategy document and is not intended to replace it. Thames Water	
	have confirmed that they will continue to monitor levels of groundwater and	
	flows in the catchment area and at sewage pumping stations that will trigger	
	alarms based on the defined trigger levels. They also confirmed that there are	
	two mobile treatment works at the Little Marlow depot, ready to be deployed	

should sewer flooding events like 2014 happen again and that the help line and reference quoted on the Advice page of HVDIG's website is still operational.

DW outlined that work carried out by landscape contractors in May 2019 outside Broomhedge in Boss Lane has resulted in the culverting of a section of the Hughenden Stream and a significant reduction in its flow capacity there. In addition, the pipework put in place for Thames Water to use for overpumping has been altered and potentially compromised. HVDIG believes that the Riparian responsibilities for this section of the Hughenden Stream lie with Bucks County Council (BCC) and under BCC's Land Drainage Enforcement Policy Document HVDIG have formally notified BCC, under Section 6 of this document that there is an impediment to an ordinary water course as the result of this work and requested that a member of BCC Flood Management Team visit the site, assess the situation and implement necessary remedial work. HVDIG have also asked BCC for more information on their process for granting permission for public/businesses to undertake work on BCC land/assets where BCC has Riparian responsibility and precedent/policy implications that this work raises.

PW/DL gave an update on the situation with the road drains in Valley Road. BCC has confirmed that there were no scheme design and survey drawings/plans showing specified design depth, falls and calculations for the work carried out in 2018. BCC intends to monitor the situation. So far there have been no "events" and the system is coping. It was agreed that HVDIG would ask BCC to outline their annual maintenance plan for the drains and gulleys under Valley Road. IL pointed out that there were various "tree debris" in the ditch by the Affinity Water Pumping Station where the Hughenden Stream emerges and it was agreed that where HVDIG members see such blockages they will take photographs and send them to DW to report to BCC as part of their ongoing Riparian responsibilities.

All/DW

JG gave an update on various conservation work on the chalk streams in the area.

Finally, DW thanked all HVDIG members for their work during the year and PW/CW for hosting the AGM meeting.

2.0	Financial Report 2018/19	
	PW gave the financial report of the HVDIG accounts for 2018/19. The year was	
	started with a balance of £57 with member donations of £80 and £42 spent on	
	the licence fee for HVDIG's domain name and website, leaving a closing balance	
	of £95. HVDIG would like to thank Bob Hawkins for producing and signing off	
	the accounts. It was agreed to collect £10 per HVDIG household member to	
	supplement the funds. The 2018/19 accounts as well as the AGM minutes will	
	be posted on the HVDIG website.	SM/PW
3.0	Election of Committee	
	All Committee members were nominated and re-elected for a further year.	
4.0	Looking Forwards	
	There was discussion about how best to link HVDIG's work with the Local	
	Residents Association. It was agreed that asking Haydon Bailey to come and	
	give a talk in the Village Hall about the Chiltern Chalkstreams would be a good	
	way forward. JG agreed to ask Haydon and get suitable dates and forward these	
	to SM so that we can arrange a date with Al.	JG/SM/AI
	to sivi so that we can arrange a date with 74.	30/3W/A
	It was also agreed that HVDIG would undertake a project to identify Riparian	
	Responsibility ownerships for the section of the Hughenden Stream that we	
	have mapped and share this with the BCC Flood Management Team. Where	
	there is uncertainty about ownership ways of clarifying these would be	
	explored. Each ownership would then be given a status – eg. green, amber, red	
	 in terms of potential issues and flooding risks by HVDIG with an explanation 	
	why and BCC Flood Management Team invited to give their assessment. HVDIG	
	would then propose that this register is updated and agreed on a regular basis	
	and used by BCC Flood Management Team as part of its flood risk management	
	process.	DW/MH
	DW explained that the situation at Broomhedge in Boss Lane has highlighted a	
	deficiency in BCC's Land Drainage Enforcement Policy Document – a complaint	
	under Section 6 of the document about an impediment to an ordinary water	
	course where BCC has Riparian responsibility is not notified to BCC's Monitoring	

	Officer until BCC Flood Management Team decide there is action needed and	
	notify the person in BCC with Riparian responsibility. If BCC Flood Management	
	Team decide no action is warranted there is no record on BCC's Monitoring	
	System of the complaint or the reasons behind the judgement or awareness of	
	the complaint by BCC's Monitoring Officer or Legal Department. This casts in	
	doubt the "Chinese Wall" process between the enforcement and ownership of	
	Riparian responsibilities in BCC and HVDIG believe that the process shown in	
	Appendix 4 of BCC's Land Drainage Enforcement Policy Document should be	
	amended with the Monitoring Officer, Sarah Asmead and Linda Forsythe	
	informed when a complaint is received by the BCC Flood Management Team.	
	DW will pursue this with BCC.	DW
4.0	АОВ	
	None.	