Lockington Parish Council

Flood Plan

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**Lockington Emergency Flood Plan**

**Introduction:**

Given the history of some minor highway flooding in the village, the Parish Council believes that there is a need for procedures to be in place to alert and/or assist ‘at risk’ residents.

Groundwater saturation and overflowing of the Beck are perceived as the most likely cause of flooding problems in the Parish, including the consequential impact on the highways and other drainage/run-off infrastructure.

Some remedial works have been undertaken by the Responsible Authorities (ERYC) following the flooding in 2007 & 2010. Further works are currently under discussion following the heavy rain in November 2019 & February 2020 These works together with regular maintenance of watercourses and drains may alleviate some, but not all, potential flooding risks – hence the need for Emergency Flood Plan procedures to be in place to supplement the main Parish Emergency Plan.

**Objectives**

1. To clarify Responsibilities with regard to flooding. These are summarised in paragraphs 2-7 below and detailed in paragraph 8.
2. To provide contact details when there is a risk of flooding or if flooding occurs.
3. Role of the Parish Council:

To respond and help as far as practicable on any information received from the Responsible Authorities with regard to potential flooding in the Parish to minimise the risk of damage to property, restrictions on communication and transport and ultimately risk to life particularly where residents are aged or infirm.

To provide a co-ordinated response through the Volunteer Flood Warden scheme for the Parish.

1. **Flooding – Emergency Service –** Call 999 **immediately where:**

* There is a risk to life or there are injuries caused directly or indirectly by any flooding.
* Rescue from flooding is needed.
* Assistance from Fire Service personnel or equipment is necessary (e.g. emergency pumping).

1. **Flooding – The Beck:**

* The Environment Agency is the Responsible Authority for the Beck and main rivers and their maintenance.
* In the event of flooding or concerns about flooding regarding the Beck, the Environment Agency should be contacted:

TEL: 0345 988188

1. **Flooding – Highways:**

* East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) is the Responsible Authority for maintaining safe conditions on the roads, putting out flood warning signs and for and maintaining/clearing highway drains, road channels, grips, and gully gratings.
* ERYC should be contacted if the roads are flooded to an extent that there are risks to the safety to people, homes, or traffic. TEL: 01482 393939

1. **Flooding – Public Sewers & Water Supply:**

* Yorkshire Water (YW) is the Responsible Authority for repairing burst sewage and water pumping mains and for clearing blockages in public sewers.
* If these are affected by, or at risk from flooding, then YW should be contacted. TEL: 0845 124 24 24

1. **Flooding – Electricity & Telecommunications**:

Northern Power Grid (NPG) and British Telecom respectively are the Responsible Authorities for these infrastructure services. NPG TEL: 105 BT TEL: 0800 023 2023

* In the event of flooding, they will respond to emergencies relating to their services where this puts life at risk.

1. **Flooding – Property Owners:**

* Householders should be aware that it is their responsibility to protect their property from flooding and to maintain ditches and drains within their ownership (or where there is a shared responsibility with neighbours). In the event of flooding:
* Move to a safe place if life is at risk
* Switch off electricity at the mains (IF SAFE TO DO SO).
* Move valuables above floor levels liable to flooding (IF SAFE TO DO SO).
* Where it is SAFE TO DO SO, prevent water from entering property if practicable using your own sandbags or barriers. ERYC may, if resources allow, provide a limited supply of sand or gel bags to domestic properties that have been flooded or are in imminent danger of flooding but their ability to respond will be limited and affected by wider priorities.

1. **Flooding – Parish Council & Volunteer Flood Wardens (VFW)**

* The Parish Council and VFW cannot take on the work or liabilities of the Responsible Authorities for flooding events or risks but the intention is to provide some co-ordination and help to local residents where it is needed and where it is appropriate and safe to do so.

* The Parish Council has set up a VFW scheme and request nominations so that there is a minimum of four Volunteer Flood Wardens. Where help is needed, residents should contact a VFW or, if they are not contactable, the Parish Clerk (Mr Gareth Rees 07768233352). The VFWs working in conjunction with the Parish Council will do their best to:
* Generally, provide warnings and coordinate the Flood response assisting residents wherever possible to minimise risk to people and property.
* Assist householders where necessary to contact the Responsible Authorities and emergency services.
* Ensure that the Responsible Authorities (primarily ERYC and Environment Agency) are aware of known flooding risks and problem areas and try to ensure that these are addressed and the relevant general management/maintenance works are carried out a timely basis and improvements made as necessary.
* Provide guidance to road users (vehicle drivers and pedestrians) in the event of flooding in the interests of safety and consequential damage to properties.
* VFWs to maintain records (a Logbook) of all flooding events in the Parish and associated correspondence/pictures and action taken (Clerk to be provided with, and maintain, all relevant flooding records). This can be passed on to the Responsible Authorities and guide further analysis of the flooding problems and possible solutions.
* In the light of any flooding experiences in the Parish and Logbook data. The Parish Council in conjunction with the VFWs to call meetings and progress correspondence with the Responsible Flooding Authorities to provide updates on events and discuss any further preventative or maintenance works that need to be undertaken.
* Ensure that all gulley’s and ditches on Parish Council land are kept free and running and to encourage private land and property owners to do the same.
* Please note that in terms of any actions or advice in respect of flooding and/or flooding risks the Parish Council and any VFW’s are acting only in an advisory capacity and have no legal powers or responsibilities. The VFW’s will be acting as individuals and volunteers and not on behalf of the Parish Council or Responsible Authorities. The VFW’s or the Parish Council do not have the legal right to stop or divert traffic in the event of flooded roads but it is hoped that drivers and residents will act responsibly and that accidents and further flooding damage can be avoided.

1. **Volunteer Flood Wardens (VFW) Contact Details**

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| Parish Councillor John Rowson  Penny Cottage  42 Thorpe  Lockington  YO25 9SR  Home: 01430 810374  Mobile: 07940 513927‬  Email: [Kberrystudios@hotmail.com](mailto:Kberrystudios@hotmail.com) | Parish Councillor Andrew How  49 Church Lane  Lockington  YO25 9SU  Home: 01430 810356  Mobile: 07768 901886  Email: [thehows13@gmail.com](mailto:thehows13@gmail.com) |
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1. **Flooding – Responsible Authorities – Full Range of Principal Responsibilities:**

* Environment Agency (EA):
  + Maintenance of the Beck & Rivers
  + Issue of flood warnings
  + Receive & record details of flood events
  + Monitor & advise other organisations
  + Respond to pollution incidents

* ERYC:
  + Co-ordinate emergency arrangements in the area
  + Flood warning dissemination (by local agreement with EA)
  + Maintain safe conditions on the roads
  + Clear blocked water courses, etc (Land Drainage Act powers)
  + Emergency assistance – may provide sand or gel bags
  + Put flood warnings on the highways
  + Organise road closures and diversions
  + Clear blocked road channels and gully gratings – street cleaning
  + Deal with environmental health issues such as pollution
  + Emergency planning support groups
  + May act to protect property from flooding by water from highway where there is a failure in the highway drainage system
* Yorkshire Water:
  + Emergency over-pumping or tinkering at pumping stations
  + Clearing blockages in public sewers and outfall grills
  + Repairing burst sewage and water pumping mains
  + May act to protect property from flooding by water from public water mains or discharges from the public sewerage system

* Electricity & Telecommunications – Northern Power & British Telecom:
  + Attend to emergencies relating to their services at properties where lives are at risk as a result of flooding
  + Attend to flooding emergencies at their own installations