

# Flooding Meeting Report

I had a meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July to hear the flood risks officer's proposals to reduce flooding near 71/72 Common Road and at the ford at the end of Horseshoe Lane.

In the case of flooding as you leave the village along Common Road, they plan to scrape the verge for 3 metre lengths in 2 places each side of the road to reduce its level with the road to stop water build up between the verges. They will then replant with grass seed. They also plan to excavate the ditches and Stour either side of the recently repaired culvert. Leaving the village they plan to clear the ditch from the culvert up to 73 Common Road (Thorsby). This action is being driven by a series of reports of vehicles being stuck here of which the white van earlier in the year is the most recent. This was why the highways enforcement officer attended to ensure a road traffic issue is dealt with.

I did ask the flood risk officer about the sill below the bridge opposite 71 Common Road but he didn't think it was sufficiently bad enough to warrant action by the landowner. He said he would continue to monitor it and did agree it would only get worse.

In the second case by the ford they plan to relocate the bridge to the opposite side of the ford and then clear the ditch from the ford to the first tree on Camps Lane i.e. along the side of the new small holding. Having investigated ownership they have discovered that Highways own both the ford and the first part of Camps Lane. As a result, they do not need to ask permission as the bridge will be on their own land.

This proposal should stop the silting of the bend in the Stour by the ford and significantly reduce flooding. I think this will be seen as a major benefit by those who have been asking for this and whose houses flooded in the June 2016 flood.

The plan is to do both jobs in October / November.

I did ask about Mill Hill and Church End but as I suspected they were not the right people. They did say if I emailed them the details, they would pass them onto Nicola Burden for her attention but based on past experience I'm not sure this will achieve a lot.

Cllr Vidler

30<sup>th</sup> July 2020