

Cranwell Flooding

January 2024

Tuesday 9th January 10:00 Holm Farm

The meeting convened at Holm farm with Steve Barker (Dyson Farming) and Ryan Davies (County Flood Risk Officer) and members of Cranwell Village affected by recent flooding. The purpose of the meeting was to establish where the problems are and what can be done to prevent further flooding.

The meeting and survey of the affected areas proceeded for the next 2.5 hours.

Holm Park

The area of Dyke behind holm park was viewed and dyke clearance was discussed. It is proposed to place a grill at the entrance to the underground pipe which flows under Holm Park to prevent debris and hedge cuttings from entering the drainage system. (Dyson Farming)

During the morning a crew worked on the pipe with camera and jetting system. This was to continue during the day but a better flow under Holm Park has already been established. Below the manhole at the bus stop a pipe, (thought to be Anglian Water) runs across the drainage system thereby reducing the capacity of flowthrough and a potential for further blockages. A report on this and any further findings will be published by the end of this week. (Ryan Davies)

The Willows

No work has been carried out on the willows today as it is part of another job allocation, however we were assured that the drainage system on the Willows would be carried out as soon as possible. (Ryan Davies)

College Road

The land at the rear of College Road was viewed and Dyson Farming will clear the land up to the fence line so that they can see the land below the brambles and look at ways to reduce water runoff. This could be by cropping or a rewilding verge or combination of both. (Dyson Farming)

A brick sump was uncovered in the dyke running along the south side of College Road. However, it has not been established where on the N side of College Rd it feeds into the Dyke. Ownership of the land and dyke on the south side is disputed by LCC so this subject is for further investigation by LCC. The team working Holm Park are to investigate and hopefully clear the sump and drainage system under the road.

The dyke on the west side of Thorold Ave was traced all the way through to the field at the north of the Bristow estate. It has been cleared at the rear of the houses but is overgrown behind the row of garages.

The dykes and drainage system must be cleared to facilitate an unhindered flow of water away from College Rd but it must be done in such a way that it will not cause a problem further down Thorold Ave. This has to be further discussed with both Dyson Farming and the County Flood Risk Officer. A report and action plan on this will be provided. (Steve Davies)

I would like to thank Steve Barker, Ryan Davies and all the members of the public and Dyson Farm staff for their help and very positive support finding a way to resolve all these issues.

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College Rd Sump

Dyk to rear of Holm Park

Dyke to rear Thorold Ave