

The Alconbury Brooke Flood Group (TABFG)

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 27th September 2023
19.30 Alconbury Memorial Hall

Present: David Fares Acting Chair
Charles Dalleywater
Debbie Hose
Antony Davison
Patrick Rogers
Lee Matthews Secretary

Apologies for Absence: John Souter, April Stone, Bob Johnson, Philip Baker,
Tom Maclennan, Zbys Fedorowicz,

Action

1. Minutes/Matters Arising from last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting agreed and accepted as true account.

2. Maintenance/Volunteers

a) Saturday Working Parties.

Good work already Heritage Bridge,
beyond the flyover and Alconbury Weston Ford

b) Future work:

AW Ford working party on the 7th October.
Seed sowing Buckworth Scrape 14th October
21th October working party Angus Lammie spinney
28th October, Soil Science day at Gidding

At same time reduce height of sharp bend, permit approved for this work.

D. Hose to provide additional dates for work to be carried out in November.

b) Safeguarding Policy Review

SG Policy reviewed and agreed no changes necessary.

CD/AS

c) Harts Pond at Great Gidding, site clearance in progress, date to be agreed when next working group will be onsite.

Herts/Beds Wildlife trust to fund necessary work.

CD/DH

d) Sample Collection – Water samples still necessary, samples to date are being analysed. Future sampling schedule will be notified.

CD

e) IDB Work – Still outstanding, being progressed by CD.

CD

3. FAS.

a) EA Progress – Unable to produce a valid model, methodology suspect. Disappointment that process seems to have stalled. CD has asked EA to clarify way forward CD

b) Multi – agency meeting is now scheduled for October. CD

4. Upstream Storage and Downstream Re-profiling

a) Progress with Ponds

b) Alconbury Weston Pond- archaeology pre-condition, negotiation to get scope of this reduced. Quotes from archaeologists collected. CD

Harts Pond – Funding is now available and work is in progress CD

Hamerton project – Nothing further to add at this time. CD

Meander Shelves – This work will begin Oct/Nov to maintain current water flow rate. This work will be undertaken with manual labour. CD/PR

Hinchingbrooke Country Park – Clearance work in progress CD

b) Gabions Project – NFTR DH

c) Alconbury Weston Ford – Awaiting archaeological report. AS

d) Green-Blue Urban Project – Survey completed, work to commence asap beginning with the Memorial Hall site. Estimate work will commence late October or early November. Planning at an advanced level but we still await details how and when the funding from Anglian Water will be made available. DF

e) New Projects – Possibly at a location in Gidding. CD

5. Sensor Project

a) Application made for additional sensors CD

b) Herbal Leys Project – Joint venture with N.E., documentation completed, await decision. CD

c) Microplastics – NFTR TM

d) Sediment Finger Printing

EA is to fund this project, sampling in the local area to be undertaken by volunteers, CD to co-ordinate when sampling to take place. CD

6. Charity Status and Update

TABFG is now an approved Charity, thanks to DH for her perseverance. CD/DH

7. Funding Report/Fund Raising

a) National Highways to be encouraged to participate in projects. CD

b) Anglian Water have contributed £100k.

c) Parish Council have promised £500.

d) Other contributions – Wildlife Trust £3000

e) Racecourse – access to their next community fundraising day

f) Just Giving page set up

8. Other

a) Flood Conference – a couple of good speakers but not much new except some contact
CD

b) Brampton Cross – A new business and residential site to be developed.
Nothing further to add at this time. Number of questions submitted, awaiting
response. CD

c) Chequers Close – Application for 15 dwellings to be built on land that is subject
to flooding, this is not a viable site for such a development. CD/AS

9. Review of Web site – Being viewed by many in the community. AD
www.alconburybrookfloodgroup.uk

10. AOB

a) Nick Baker new member of the community in AW has offered his house as a base for an
evening meeting to learn how to use flood resilience equipment.

11. Next Meeting: 8th November 2023 19.00 at Memorial Hall