

Lesley Welch

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Cc: Emily Merko; Tracey Stephens; Andrew Butcher; Bryan Wallbridge; Diana Cooper; Geoff Fuller; James Honess; Kevin Docherty; Lesley Mansell; Pat Williams; Phil Wilkinson
Subject: RE: Local knowledge of surface water flooding in Westfield

The main problem is the poor maintenance of drains, and the locations thereof. The situation is a scandal at St Peter's Glade. Otherwise there are some car parks which naturally get flooded in the worst downpours. I suggest a policy of encouraging the use of that greencrete stuff for carparks where practicable, monitoring drains, and objecting to anything that will prevent the hillsides being natural sponges. The Waterside/Snails Brook are needs to be kept clear to enable natural drainage. The green open spaces (so called) serve the same function. We ought to uphold the government policy on not allowing concreting over of gardens. (2010 policy still holds good, I think) The mature trees in the Waterside estate and the poets estate also have important functions in keeping the verges drained.

High flood risk is in the area by the Miner's Pool and the graveyard. We once had so much water in the Westfield end of the graveyard that someone slipped and fell into the grave itself. (2008) The other issue is the retaining walls, which can be badly affected and collapse if there is too much rain. Again, the drainage should be watched.

What about the little industrial estate behind Costcutter? Bet that floods.

I think the BANES website has the information, but it is an under-estimate. The Waterside is 1:50, I am fairly sure, but we had floods in 2009 and 2013, so it does not follow that after one flood there will not be another for 50 years! Most of Westfield is 1:100 according to BANES. However, both figures are river generated floods, not run off.

Hope that helps.

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From: Ron Hopkins [mailto:sueron1@sky.com]
Sent: 08 March 2017 14:29
To: Lesley Welch
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Subject: Re: Local knowledge of surface water flooding in Westfield

Hi Lesley

Sorry I can't help you with this one as I am a newcomer, I will ask Susie when she gets home from work, as she is a local girl if she can add anything we'll come back to you.

Kind regards
Ron Hopkins
Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Mar 2017, at 12:34, Lesley Welch <lesley.welch@westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk> wrote:

I am working on the Neighbourhood Plan's Sustainability Appraisal and am focussing today on the Flood Risk Assessment, which has two parts – the first relates to evidence from the Environment Agency in relation to Flood Maps for this area and the second relates to any local knowledge of surface water flooding in Westfield.

My reason for writing is to ask if you have any local knowledge or memory of surface water flooding anywhere in Westfield? Or would you know someone whom you might ask?

If you would let me know I would be most grateful.