

## **Bleasby Flood Action Group Report to Bleasby Parish Council meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Introduction – it has now been a year since our first flooding in Lower Goverton and Station Road as a result of the effects of Storm Babet. Fortunately we have had virtually no rain for four weeks and consequently there have been no flood warnings issued since our last report to Council.

### Developments

- Representatives of BFAG and the Parish Council met with Ross Marshall as Principal Officer, NCC Flood Risk Management representative. This was a very honest and constructive meeting with valuable advice, the reality of the economic constraints and limitation of scope, clearly and openly debated. The minutes of the meeting taken by Cllr Andersen are included for the Council's information, along with the agenda to inform those unable to attend of the format of the meeting.
- The Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board have scoured the drains and cut back adjacent hedges and vegetation throughout its adopted network of drains within the parish most efficiently and effectively.
- ACTION Could we ask the Parish Council to send a letter of appreciation and thanks to the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board, along with a reminder about our request to meet with them to discuss a solution for the limitation of flooding risk to Station Road properties.
- The critical importance of maintaining the openings in the drainage kerbstones along Station Road was highlighted when fears of them being blocked by mud being carried over Station Road by local farming operations were raised by residents. Fortunately drier conditions prevailed and an agricultural road sweeper cleared the earth from the road thereby avoiding the worst of possible consequences.
- The Group wish to thank the Council on two accounts. Firstly for having made a bid to gain a grant for two additional water pumps from a NSDC invitation for flooding resilience measures and secondly for enabling the flood store to be made more easily accessible by the purchase of a container to house all the other PC equipment that has previously had to be stored there.
- ACTION Unfortunately we will be losing one of our key founder members, Alison Sutherland, and it would be much appreciated if the PC were to send a letter of appreciation for at least 17 years of her active involvement in the Flood Action Group (alongside many other community contributions) and that she will be greatly missed.

Peter Cast on behalf of Bleasby FAG

PS Lynda could you please ask the Council if it would purchase a further 20 lamp-post poppies from the British Legion