



Pang Valley Flood Forum

Trustees Report to 31st March 2020

Trustees: Kay Lacey (chairman) Piers Allison Brian Connorton Peter McGeehin
David Barlow Stephen Billyeald (treasurer)

Meetings:

PVFF held two meetings in the 12 month period (Oct 19 and Feb 20) attended by representatives from most of the ten villages as well as from the three agencies. Actions within the FRMP were updated at each meeting. Details of the FRMP and associated actions can be found on the PVFF website www.floodalleviation.uk

Other Activities:

Training:

The Chair attended training on behalf of the Flood Forum, including Social Media training run by Communities Council Berkshire in Swallowfield in March 2019 and Water Safety Awareness training at Didcot Fire Station with Clive Loveridge in Jan 2020.

Imogen Smith from "Communities Prepared" gave a talk to the PVFF attendees at the meeting in February 2020 on the National Community Resilience Programme run by Groundwork. Advice, support and training is provided via an on-line hub and bespoke training is also available. PVFF have registered with this scheme and have jointly applied to Greenham Common Trust for a grant to fund future training with Groundwork. The application has been shortlisted but the final decision has now been delayed until later in the year.

Talks:

The Chair gave a talk at Bradfield Parish Council Annual Assembly in April 2019, and a talk with Stephen Billyeald at Crondall Parish Council in May 2019.

Conferences etc:

The Chair represented the PVFF at the launch of the National Flood Forum's '**Flood Risk Charter**' in the Houses of Parliament in November 2019; attended the North Wessex Downs AONB Annual Conference at Englefield, and attended the second LANDWISE NERC NFM Annual Conference at Culham Science Park. (PVFF are a key project partner in the NERC project.)

Brian Connorton attended an NFM workshop at Woolley Firs in September 2019 related to the Landwise Project.

PVFF are also members and attend meetings of the South Chilterns Catchment Partnership at Red Kite House in Wallingford, plus additional ad hoc meetings have been held with various members of the PVFF and West Berkshire Council and EA staff over the past year.

Kay and Stephen also hosted a tour of Tidmarsh and Pangbourne catchments for Simon Fisher – the new EA Catchment and Enforcement officer.

Natural Flood Management Project:

In June 2018 PVFF was awarded a Partnership Grant of £50,000, sponsored by DEFRA and administered by the EA, to work with landowners to install Natural Flood Management (NFM) interventions in strategic locations in the Pang valley. These interventions take the form of leaky barriers, woody debris, and holding ponds in the watercourses that flow into the River Pang so that, at times of heavy rainfall, some water will be held back for a short time thereby reducing the risk of the Pang overbanking and causing flooding. It is acknowledged that these interventions cannot eliminate the risk of property flooding but they are expected to reduce the risk.

Construction of approx. 38 leaky woody dams and ancillary works with Englefield Estates Forestry has been completed. A pre installation baseline Habitat Survey has also been completed by Sundew Ecology and a further post installation survey will be undertaken later this year. Reading University have installed flow monitoring equipment

BBC South Today came and filmed construction of the leaky dams in May 2019 and, following the film being featured on the BBC news that day, a short video clip has been made available on the PVFF website. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo_utmSnwRMr26qUsRDdAXw

An agreement has been reached with our second landowner and a map of planned interventions has been drawn up for the Elmwood catchment on the Marlston Estate. A baseline Habitat Survey has also been completed for this location. Construction works are due to start shortly, weather and virus restrictions permitting.

We remain on track to deliver the NFM project by the end of March 2021.

West Berkshire Groundwater Scheme Project

In 2016 Thames Water and the EA agreed in principle that the West Berkshire Ground Water Scheme could be used to reduce groundwater flooding. Since then two MSc projects with Birmingham University have been completed under the guidance of Peter McGeehin to help demonstrate the proposal's viability.

A third MSc dissertation on this topic was completed by Simon Lewis from the Environment Agency in late 2019, with a number of positive findings.

PVFF are now waiting for the opportunity to discuss how to progress the project with members of Thames Water, the Environment Agency and West Berkshire Council.

Groundwater inundation and associated sewer surcharging has been a problem in a number of villages in the Pang catchment this winter, namely Stanford Dingley, Hampstead Norreys and Compton, reinforcing the need to take this project forward.



Kay Lacey (Chairman) for and on behalf of the Trustees of PVFF
9th May 2020



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

Pang Valley Flood Forum

No (if any)

1176292

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date

01/04/2019

To

Period end date

31/03/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants		20,865	-	20,865	-
Donations	750		-	750	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	750	20,865	-	21,615	-
Total receipts	750	20,865	-	21,615	-
A3 Payments					
Marketing		138	-	138	-
Travel, hotel & subsistence	272	96	-	367	-
Stationery, postage, telephone	8	31	-	39	-
Training				-	
Legal fees		1,800		1,800	
Habitat survey		916		916	
Contract work		16,464		16,464	
Insurance		649		649	
Other	67	407		474	
Meetings	26		-	26	-
Sub total	373	20,500	-	20,873	-
Total payments	373	20,500	-	20,873	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	377	364	-	741	-
A5 Transfers between funds	364	- 364	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	163	4,103	-	4,266	-
Cash funds this year end	904	4,103	-	5,008	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	904	4,103	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	904	4,103	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees				
	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>Kay Lacey</i>	Mrs Kay Lacey	2nd April 2020	
	<i>Stephen</i>	Stephen Billyeald	2nd April 2020	