

WOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Please note that Meetings of Wolston Parish Council are normally held on the first Thursday of every month, usually at Wolston Village Hall.

The agenda is posted on Village Noticeboard and the Parish Council website and will also be posted on the Wolston Village Community Facebook page with effect from March 2024

PARISH COUNCIL 1 FEBRUARY – FLOOD HEADLINES

Further to the Public Meeting of 23 January 2024, the Parish Council debated the flood event at its 'regular' meeting on Thursday 1 February 2024. As the event has had significant impact on a number of our residents who were unable to join the meeting, Chair has agreed that following key headlines (and updates) be shared ahead of the next Parish Council meeting on Thursday 7 March 2024:

i). Wolston and Brandon Flood Action Group (FLAG) will be created – **Update:** *representatives confirmed. Wolston reps are Cllrs Willis, Ramsay and Osmond with support from Cllr Milne as/if required. EA, National Flood Forum (NFF) and RBC will be guiding and working with the FLAG in terms of accessing services required etc. – it is acknowledged that this is a long-term project and will require local volunteer support.*

ii). Number of Warwickshire residents affected has exceeded the '50' threshold for flood relief compensation – **Update:** *Communications to be sent out to those eligible w/c 12 February 2024 with payments to follow shortly afterwards (w/c 19 February). Compensation payments will follow for individual properties affected, i.e., those that had flood water enter the habitable area.*

iii). RBC has confirmed a Council Tax reduction or rebate for affected residents who were out of the house for a **minimum** of 48 hours. **Update:** *residents out of house from 48 hours up to 3 months will receive 3 months rebate/reduction, with any additional months looked at on an individual basis.*

iv). RBC are re-visiting the frequency of street cleansing and advance notification of when it is going to take place – this will hopefully allow time for parked cars to be moved.

v). Ditch at the rear of Meadow Road – this looks to be RBC responsibility for keeping clear and will take this forward.

vi). Chief Officer of Safety and Regulation has advised that key agencies are concerned re: impact of well-intentioned actions of 'unofficial' groups, which could worsen rather than improve situation, e.g., creating dams.

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vii). RBC Chief Officer Safety and Regulation is following up the question(s) re: there being no Emergency Services in attendance on 2 January 2024. Chair has also requested feedback on lack of 999 response on 8 January when temporary lights remained on 'red' on Wolston/Brandon bridge following work by Severn Trent at pumping station and required 4+ hours of resident support to maintain traffic flow.

viii). **Update** – *short term flood response. Further to heavy rainfall on 6 and 7 February, WPC accessed 260 filled sandbags from WCC on 8 February, with RBC securing a donation of 10 tons of sand from Smiths concrete along with 500 empty sandbags sourced by RBC. These remain in situ at Dyers Lane.*

NB. Please note that a Yellow Weather Warning is in place for 15 and 16 February 2024

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