



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Kettleburgh Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Monday 30th October 2023 at 19.30**

The following business was transacted:

<p>Councillor E Jardine, Chairman, had advised the Clerk that regrettably he was unable to attend the meeting (an urgent family matter). Council resolved to elect a Vice-Chairman for the meeting. Cllr P Garland was proposed and unanimously elected and took the Chair.</p> <p>1. Welcome by the Chairman</p> <p>Councillor P Garland welcomed the public attendees and the Council members and opened the meeting. He reminded the meeting that it was not being recorded by the Parish Council.</p> <p>The meeting started at 19.30.</p>	<p>Minute No. and Actions K2023230</p>
<p>2. Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor E Jardine (EJ) as above, Elaine Bryce, County Councillor, Vince Langdon-Morris, ESC District Councillor</p> <p>Present: Cllrs R Booth (RB), P Garland (PG), L Clark (LC), J Mealing (JM) and D Thomas (DT) ESC District Councillor Owen Grey</p> <p>Attending: Mrs Sonia Frost, Clerk and RFO, and 11 members of the public.</p>	<p>K2023231</p>
<p>3. Members' Declaration of Interests regarding agenda items</p> <p>None</p>	<p>K2023132</p>
<p>4. To consider requests for dispensations</p> <p>None</p>	<p>K2023233</p>
<p>5. Public Participation session (15 minutes)</p> <p>Cllr PG, Chairman, invited members of the public to make their representations in relation to the significant flooding event on Friday 20th October, caused by Storm Babet. The Council wished to better understand the mechanisms and effects of the event on the residents, across different locations in the village.</p> <p>One couple recounted their home, a bungalow on higher ground, suffered flood water ingress to the back of the residence. Despite efforts the volume of water could not be prevented from getting in, and a drain was overwhelmed with fast flowing water cascading down the drive.</p> <p>A cottage in Low Street had water backing up and sewage in the downstairs shower tray. This was reported by more than one residence, the number to be confirmed.</p> <p>Rubber bungs were deployed to block sewage in baths and showers- non-return valves needed.</p> <p>Manhole covers were lifted by the pressure of water.</p> <p>Flooding was severe at the pumping station, water was over-topping the ditch near the last house before the village gates on Low Road, waist-high and flooding the Junction.</p>	<p>K2023234</p>



<p>Vehicles were driving too fast with the resulting bow waves pushing water into properties on the Junction.</p> <p>It was thought that at least nine or ten properties had been flooded to the point of residents forced to evacuate. Several on Low Street.</p> <p>The Village Hall was at risk of significant flooding from water rushing down from the hill behind, and only saved by urgent deployment of sandbags.</p> <p>Water ran down Church Road, adding to the flooding along The Street, and adding to the depth at the T-Junction.</p> <p>The situation was felt to have been exacerbated by several factors; run-off from possibly compacted fields, poor road and drain maintenance, inadequate sewer capacity, run-off from concrete.</p> <p>Cllrs and members of the public had delivered sandbags to vulnerable locations and helped where they could.</p> <p>A map on a questionnaire for the wider village was suggested - so specific flood water origins, impact areas, and directions could be marked.</p> <p>ESC District Councillor Owen Grey explained that he was collating reports from Parish Clerks of affected villages around Framlingham, to inform authorities of the severe impact of this event. He hoped this would help inform future strategies to mitigate such appalling damage.</p>	
<p>6. Flooding Incident in Kettleburgh 20th October 2023</p> <p>Council considered the comments from the residents, and from their own experiences and concerns, further points were raised including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The urgent need to progress the Community Flood Plan project. • Promote the Personal Property Flood Plan for individual homeowners at risk of home flooding. • Councillor DT provided first hand experience of the value of flood mitigation work on a property. She was able explain the wider psychological impact the flooding of a home has, and issues of insurance and the value of a personal individual property flood plan. • Emergency accommodation/warm space to stay, preferably locally when there was an urgent need to evacuate. Possibly the Village Hall. Camp beds and warm bedding etc would be needed, but certainly toilet provision and ability to make a hot drink and wash hands. • Early flood warnings had not been received, and there had been confusion with signing up for them. • Electricity/power cuts and lack of mobile phone signal – a mast on the Church roof was suggested. • Potential for ponds to be created or reinstated to hold water in times of flood. <p>Flood Questionnaire - The Council’s Flood Working Group (FWG) had designed a simple questionnaire to be delivered to all households in the village. This was intended to determine the locations, severity and establish the need for the provision of any urgent supplies to be available in a future flood.</p> <p>Council considered the Draft Questionnaire, and requested two amendments, and the inclusion of a map of the village, to enable residents to record the water direction and</p>	<p>K2023235</p> <p>FWG FWG</p> <p>FWG</p> <p>Clerk FWG</p>

