

## Longstanton Flood Group update @ 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018.

Longstanton Flood Group continues to meet regularly throughout the year with the next scheduled meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 1930 in The Pavilion where the current issues relating to the past (and hopefully not any future!) flooding within the village will be discussed and any appropriate follow up action will be decided and agreed.

Over the last twelve months we have seen the ‘operational completion’ of the two Hatton’s Road balancing ponds. We understand there is still some landscaping works to be undertaken though this should not affect the workings of the ponds. Despite recently, there being a particularly wet period, we do not feel that the ponds have been fully tested but thus far they seem to have coped very well. The Flood Group will continue to monitor the workings, care and maintenance of the ponds and report accordingly. It is the Flood Groups hope and expectation that the balancing ponds will provide protection against future flooding to the villages most vulnerable areas.

Several members of the Flood Group recently met with a representative from Gallagher Estates who provided some quite detailed information with regards to the Operational Characteristics of the ponds and this information is available from either the Parish Council or on the Flood Action web site. <http://www.longstantonfloodaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/20180117AttenuationPonds.pdf>

The Flood Group continues to monitor the state of the Brook not only where it runs through the village but also both before and after the village, as these areas are equally important in preventing flooding within the village. Quite regularly various debris ranging from discarded building products to discarded road cones to large tree branches is found either floating down the brook or is found causing a blockage in one particularly stretch of the brook or another. Members of the Flood Group will either remove these items, if possible, or alternatively report the matter to South Cambs District Council for them to deal with it.

The Flood Group provides a regular article to the Longstanton Life with up to date information as to any current flooding issues there may be and the Flood Group continues to report to the Parish Council.