

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES FROM COUNCILLORS FLOOD MEETING – 14TH NOVEMBER 2023

1. ATC has traditionally supported residents in times of flood and there is a public expectation that this will continue. It was agreed that ATC would continue to support residents but we must be realistic about what is appropriate and affordable.
2. Any support ATC offer must be available 24/7 on 365 days of the year.
3. It is primarily a property owner's responsibility to protect their own property.
4. ATC will continue to provide a supply of sand and sandbags to help residents. We probably need a larger container to hold the sand – space may be available inside School Road allotments. Sandbags and shovels also need to be available at this location.
5. Communication is vital – we need to make sure that residents know what is available and what they should be doing themselves.
6. Possibility of printed leaflet for all households with basic advice and contact numbers.
7. Communication about flooding needs to be regularly repeated.
8. The Community Emergency Plan is due for review in November. This review will continue as normal with the updated Plan sent to CSW as usual.
9. Review of vulnerable properties required and communication with each.
10. Communication with schools required to establish their procedures.
11. The Community Flood Plan is required but needs to be reviewed, updated and adopted.
12. There needs to be clear lines of authority to initiate any “flood plan”.
13. Consider reworking the WhatsApp group to set up a new one for taking decisions in times of flooding. A “Gold Command” approach.
14. Town Councillors should not necessarily be Flood Wardens. They may have their own properties to protect or this may not be an appropriate job for them.
15. New Flood Wardens need to be recruited.
16. Consideration of a Flood Fair to promote ways to help yourself and products available.
17. Any Flood Wardens will need to sign the Volunteer Policy, receive training and register with Floodline.
18. A Flood Working Group will be set up comprising CNS, AF, MB, VB, CE and MC supported by VL. This Working Group will have the remit to review the items listed on the agenda for the meeting of 14th November.
19. A Rest Centre Working Group will be set up comprising AL, KC and GF to plan which venues are suitable and available as Rest Centres and what resources are needed.
20. Both Working Groups to meet at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 5th December at Globe House before Full Council.