
SOUTHBOURNE PARISH DEVELOPMENT PLAN
Minutes of the Sewerage & Drainage Focus sub-group
held on 12 July 2013
at Sandbanks, Main Road, Nutbourne.

Present: Roy Seabrook (minutes)

Terry Grant

Sandra James (not a member but in attendance)

The following was agreed for inclusion in the "State of the Parish" statement :-

We have identified four significant problems with the C.D.C. Strategic Growth Study (Wastewater Treatment Options August 2010).

1)Strategic Growth Study page 8 identifies a Headroom Capacity of 554 dwellings in 2006 for the Thornham Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW). Planning permissions to date in the catchment area of the Thornham WwTW have already reached this figure.

2)Strategic Growth Study page 8 shows that the Apuldram WwTW as having a Headroom Capacity of 3,000 dwellings in 2006. It is widely accepted that the Apuldram WwTW is significantly overloaded. There must, therefore, also be a question mark over the calculations of Thornham's 554 dwellings which have been calculated using the same formula. The real Headroom figure for Thornham WwTW is, presumably, significantly less.

3)Thornham WwTW has discharged untreated wastewater (other than coarse filtering) into Chichester Harbour on 76 days in the last 12 months. This again suggests overloading of the Thornham WwTW.

4)The Strategic Growth Study page 17 indicates further expansion of the Thornham WwTW is unrealistic.

We are currently working to establish a meeting with interested parties particularly The Environment Agency, Southern Water and Harbour Authority. Hopefully these authorities will be able to allay Southbourne Parish's concerns and allow the Parish to establish a fully functioning wastewater infrastructure.

We also reviewed the development of planning approvals since 2006 in the Thornham drainage area. There have been 178 dwellings in the Emsworth ward, over 100 dwellings in Chidham Parish, 56 dwellings for Southbourne Parish. Havant Borough local plan includes a further 1,000 dwellings in Emsworth of which a significant number will feed into the Thornham WwTW. Southern Water suggest plans for a further 600 dwellings in the West Sussex drainage area for Thornham WwTW.

The need for a meeting including The Environment Agency, Southern Water and Harbour Authority perhaps Havant Borough Council and ourselves (Southbourne Parish) is clearly becoming of paramount importance. The reluctance of Southern Water, in particular, is creating some concern despite several requests over the last six weeks. With the holiday period coming up, we are asking the Environment Agency and Southern Water in the first week of September.

Terry Grant agreed to co-ordinate the dates and emails to establish this meeting as Roy Seabrook would be away most of the time from 18th July to 25th August.