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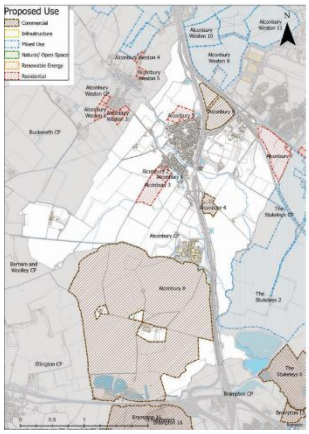
This is a quick update of work done since our last bulletin.



Action on Call for Sites:

Members of the Flood Group have reviewed 18 sites from which water runs into Alconbury Brook.

We have responded to sites in detail. There are 6 which we regard as unsuitable because mitigation required would make the sites unsuitable. These include the Vinegar Hill sites and Chequers Close, Alconbury Weston and Globe Lane site 3 and the School Lane(Cowfield) site in Alconbury. Many of the others we regard as high risk, but mitigation and betterment could be possible. If these become part of the Local Plan they will require ongoing vigilance to ensure any development does not increase flood risk. It's not too late to respond- 27/11

Volunteer Work

Brilliant volunteer work in a number of places including Mill Road where the culverts have been dug out and are now working again after 30 years! In addition work on the east bank upstream of the North Road Bridge which was very overgrown and took really hard work. And thanks to those who helped on two occasions with 'Badger's Wood, which is a crucial bottleneck. Very pleased to see that cleared

Facebook and website

We have taken over the Alconbury Brook Flood Plan Facebook page and changed its name. Thank you very much if you are following the page. Over 1500 hits in a couple of days—how good is that?! Our updated website is also making progress.

Flow sensing.

We can now detect the speed and volume of water flowing in the brook. A graph showing this will be on our website and will be useful for predicting flooding. We are also interested because after heavy rain we will be able to tell how much rainwater still has to pass the sensor, and if flow is slower than it should be which would indicate a downstream blockage. We are very grateful to the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation which funded this equipment. These sensors use radar to measure water speed.

Project Log-jams

We are experiencing a bit of a headwind with some other projects. We are waiting for the Diocese to permit us to restore Tanglewood Pond. Three service undertakers out of 50) still need to give us the go-ahead to install rainwater gardens at the bottom of Vinegar Hill. However, we are delighted to say that Breheny Civil Engineering has donated the use of traffic control equipment for this project which will reduce costs. Nuns Bridge clearance is waiting for a permit application, which we can't do without further advice, and the Hamerton Pond is waiting for Archaeological feedback. We are also waiting for grant funding decisions from the EA and National Highways

This week..

- This is a busy week for the Flood Group. We have a visit from the Chair of the Northumbria Regional Flood and Coast Committee to look at the 'exceptional' work we have done, but also to look at ways to help us access funding.
- We have a multi-agency meeting which should provide an update on the Flood Alleviation Scheme.
- On Saturday we have the official opening of Aldermans Pond by MP Ben Obese Jecty. Volunteers have 50m of native hedging to plant and our new interpretation board will be installed. There will be cake!!

So.. watch out for another installment early in December

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Cllr Gardener report Alconbury Parish Council Meeting – November 2024

Good Evening

The Ting Demand Responsive Bus service is being replaced by the Tiger On demand Service which will operate from 30th November. The service covers the same area as the Ting Service. The Key changes to the new service are –

Virtual Bus Stops – Travel between designated virtual bus stops found on the Tiger On Demand Interactive Map.

To make a Booking call the New Call Centre Number – 01480 595 440.

Bookings can be made up to 48hrs in advance of travelling.

The service operates Monday to Saturday from 6.30am to 7pm

The cost of the Service is Adults £2 per journey, Under 5s travel free, Children 5-16 £1 per journey, Concessionary Bus Pass Holders travel for free.

The footbridge at the end of Polecat Lane over Alconbury Brook is to be repaired, i.e. the missing rail will be replaced.

Next year's LHI Bid funding commences on Friday 1st November and Closes on Friday 10th January 25. Feasibility studies for the schemes will be undertaken between February & May next year. With the Panel meetings being held in June /July. Complex schemes are decided by a panel of Councillors, Non-Complex by a panel of Officers. The value of schemes remains the same i.e. £10,000 for Non-Complex and £25,000 for Complex.

Details of the types of schemes can be found on the County Council Website.

The decision for next year's LHI Bid's will be confirmed at the October meeting of the Highways & transportation Committee.

Hinchingbrooke Hospital – the public have been invited to Join redevelopment Engagement Events. The North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust will be hosting a range of online and face to face events for the public to find out more about the redevelopment and to ask questions. The face-to-face sessions will be drop in events and the online sessions will provide a presentation summarising the details. Face to face sessions are planned for 26th, 28th and 30th November. For the online sessions go to the NW Anglia Website – nwangliaft.nhs.uk

The Government are consulting on enabling members to obtain a dispensation to attend meetings remotely and for Proxy Voting.

Cllr Ian Gardener

County & District Councillor for Alconbury

Alconbury Parish Council

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Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: Cllr Tracy Gilbert (Chair) Date: 26th November 2024

Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

	Bank Reconciliation at 31/10/2024			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2024			70,565.60
	ADD			
	Receipts 01/04/2024 - 31/10/2024			53,569.14
				124,134.74
	SUBTRACT			
	Payments 01/04/2024 - 31/10/2024			35,073.98
A	**Cash in Hand 31/10/2024** (per Cash Book)			**89,060.76**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	31/10/2024	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank Current T1	31/10/2024	52,359.78	
	Unity Trust Bank Instant Access	31/10/2024	36,700.98	
				89,060.76
	Less unpresented payments			
				89,060.76
	Plus unpresented receipts			
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**			**89,060.76**
	A = B Checks out OK			

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