

## Flooding Update – Information for Residents

The notes from the most recent fact-finding meeting between LCC Highways and the LCC Flood and Water Department regarding flooding in the village have now been finalised and have been made available on the Parish Council website, along with a summary of the key points.

<https://sturton-stow.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

The summary is also included in the recently distributed newsletter to help keep residents fully up to date.

Feedback from Highways representatives indicated that they are fulfilling their statutory duties and strongly encouraged the use of Fix My Street, supported by photographic evidence, to ensure that highway assets are monitored and maintained effectively.

The Highways Manager has prepared an article which has been included in the village newsletter to reinforce the importance of reporting issues through this system.

Reports can be made to <https://www.fixmystreet.com>

The LCC Flood and Water Management Team focused heavily on Riparian Rights, stressing that, under common law, responsibility for a watercourse rests with the adjacent landowner unless deeds explicitly state otherwise. If a watercourse forms the boundary between you and your neighbour, the law presumes that you own to the centre point of the watercourse. This means that you and your neighbour are responsible for the maintenance and water flow within the watercourse.

Tenants and landlords should agree between themselves who is to take on maintenance responsibilities.

Good management of riparian rights is essential for our community—reducing flood risk, protecting property, and keeping our village safe.

See the link for more information on Riparian Rights <https://share.google/2AkQ9fDvYVt1EOv0G>

We would welcome comments from residents, particularly if there are specific flooding issues you would like to raise.

Questions and concerns can be sent to the Parish Clerk, and the Parish Council will put these forward to be answered by the relevant contacts that we now hold

You can contact the Clerk by:

 Email: sturtonpc1@gmail.com

OR

 Posting written suggestions in the letter box attached to the Old School Room, Tillbridge Road

Thank you for your continued engagement and support.