

# Silverstone Parish Council - Meeting Report Proforma

## Document Overview

<b>Subject</b>	Flooding – West End and the SRA
<b>Date</b>	4 March 2025
<b>Councillor or Clerk Proposing</b>	Parish Clerk
<b>Meeting Date</b>	10 March 2025
<b>Agenda Reference</b>	Item 11
<b>Purpose</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To Note <input type="checkbox"/> To Discuss <input type="checkbox"/> To Resolve

The following met to discuss recent concerns relating to flooding in West End and around the SRA:

- Cllr Martyn Nash – Representing the SRA
- Cllr Mark Haynes – Representing the SRA
- Cllr Dermot Bambridge – Ward Councillor
- Matthew Bishop – Resident/West End Flood Warden
- Johan Baker-Smith – Parish Clerk

### Current situation

- SRA playing field regularly floods which appears to be caused by a backup from Towcester and the position of the flood gates
- The streams/ditches surrounding the playing field have not been cleared/dredged for a long time
- Drains blocked/full of mud/silt along West End
- Matthew Bishop is a volunteer without the necessary preventative resources needed to fulfil the role as required, e.g. sandbags etc

All this has a knock-on effect on the houses in West End. Whilst in recent years houses have not been flooded, residents have reported several inches deep of water covering their back gardens almost to back doors.

Historically a local farmer whose land bordered the playing field used to help clear the stream/ditches for which there is a legal shared ownership.

### Possible Solutions:

For the ditches around the SRA to be cleared/dredged with support from the local owners/tenants of the neighbouring fields.

For the drains along West End and Church Street to be regularly cleared.

For residents to use 'Fix my Street' to report all blockages, incidents of flooding, inc. minor etc.

Clear signage to alert motorists of flooding to ensure safety of pedestrians.

**Agreed actions:**

Clerk to:

- Ascertain the blocked drains in West End and Church Street and report all on 'Fix my Street'.
- With support from Cllr Bambridge to start an awareness campaign raising with residents about 'Fix my Street'.
- Check assets register for flooding related items
- Identify costs of suitable signage for when there are floods and take to Full Council
- To contact WNC to ascertain support for Flood Warden and available resources
- To contact WNC re: Towcester flood gates

SRA to look into the clearing of the streams/ditches.