

WALKABOUT IN BURNHAM MARKET – 9TH FEBRUARY 2024

FOLLOW UP TO THE OPEN MEETING ON THE 6TH OF FEBRUARY

Thank you all so much for getting so wet this morning for a walkabout in terrible conditions, but which was helpful we hope in seeing the **triple** Burnham problems of Goosebec and River water excesses ,and sewage , at first hand:

- The Goosebec, and springs at the West end from Whiteways road , thru Westgate Hall ,and two large ponds, and the surface and ground water outcomes, with consequential sewage back ups from Front Street, and Creak Road, to the East end along Overy Road and Joan Shorts Lane.
- The outflow, from Joan Shorts Lane, through the overgrown Holkham/tenants ditch across the water meadows and into the River burn across the border of Holkham with Union Millowners land .
- Also to see the location of the Friars Lane pumping station, not, this time being overpumped, but inundated with fresh water from the Goosebec and through infiltrated/inundated sewers in Overy Road.
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- **Since the party broke up today we have had more heavy rain and a system of overpumping is now URGENTLY RQUIRED to protect many homes, unnecessarily put at risk to the excess water from the village. Tankering ,24/7 from the Anglian emergency budget, is only JUST holding the situation. (See my notes from the Public Meeting now SENT BY SEPARATE E MAIL) re MR LOUTH's stated determination on Anglian's behalf not to overpump).**

Today, Our party met at Westgate and saw the flooded properties at the Junction of Whiteway and Docking roads, the source location(s) of the springs, the two holding ponds, the damage to the road from rising springs , and the the egress point of Goosebec spring water from Westgate Hall.

We then drove through the flooded village from West to East and noted the point at which the Goosebec is taken UNDERGROUND beneath Front Street, under Ulph place by the Nelson pub, along Overy Road to The Old Rectory where it emerges as a free flowing open ditch to the corner of Joan Shorts Lane, where it turns South and under a bridge into the Osier Carr on Holkam land to the East (see above) .

We noted the flooded field to the east of Eastgate House, and the lake forming again outside the pumping station.

Here we met Mr. Smith, who manages the sluices at Lower Mill and probably also at the Union Mills, Mr Beck (briefly, a badly flood affected resident and Mr. Booth of Corner Lodge.

We then drove east to the R Burn bridge on Overy road and noted the two Mills, through which the R Burn flows via a large millpond and a complex series of channels. their respective sluice gates and the route of the R Burn under the bridge towards the Lower Mill at Overy . We noted the EA monitoring station and the small

weir to the river at this point. It was noted that a moveable flap could be installed cheaply here to help excess flow.

Here are only some of the necessary contact details as I know them, for several properties with whom Steve will need to engage about his Scheme options in the first instance .

There are others DO just ask and I will do my best to advise Steve. and Henry

Communication is all!

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Jeffrey Thomas 07779278352 jeffthomas2008@googlemail.com

Cllr Dennis Clark ...dennisclark19@me.com

Mr George Monbiot. George@monbiot.info Executor of the Monbiot Estate owns the field to the north of Overy Road, flooded with an Anglian sewage outlet in the middle.

Mr John Snook. snookjt@outlook.com owns the **windmill** and all the waterways at the rear. EA,he says will NOT engage with him as a private owner !!!!

Patrick Green KC and Andrew Green andrewcgreen@me.com The Mill House Overy land and millpond at Lower Mill (and MR Smith) **National Trust** Tenants

Nina Plumbe ninaplumbe@gmail.com Knows details of other Union Mill owners and is in touch with most.

Nick Fryer nick.fryer@me.com **Holkham** tenant of Osier Carr watermeadows east of Joan Shorts Lane

HOLKHAM Estate Mr **Beamish** Farms and on-the ground manager Manager . **Jake Fiennes** water management and eco . **Peter Mitchell** main Estate Manager . All their e mails on Holkham website. Or used to be!

Farmer Hancock, Holkham tenant of fields north of Overy road behind the Pumping Station, whose land had the overpump across it in 2021

Farmer **William Stilgoe,** w.stilgoe@googlemail.com Holkham Tenant , long years of knowledge for two generations

Do hope you reached your next destination wet but unbowed!

Thank you all.

Jane Ridley