

Bleasby Flood Action Group's Report to Bleasby Parish Council's meeting to be held on Monday, 8th September 2025

After two months of drought one might consider it unsurprising that there have been no flooding issues to report BUT the risk of significant pluvial flooding was ever present owing to the hard-baked clays on the downward slopes of the High Cross range of hills to the northwest of the settlement areas, the bone-dry flood plain and the periodic Environment Agency's flood risk warnings as well as the Met Office's heavy storm warnings coming in from the Atlantic!

Fortunately the few heavy downpours that we experienced were not prolonged enough to become a serious problem and, thanks to the Parish Council's continued efforts to involve NCC's VIA EM in addressing the collapsed drain (that was supposed to have taken surface water from High Cross under – not over – the junction with Brickyard Lane.), and to clear and redefine the verge grips on the roadside verges in that area, surface waters were effectively gathered and re-directed harmlessly away from vulnerable properties. Thank you Parish Council!

If the Council could apply that same earnestness and determination as above to resolve the impasse that exists between the Parish Council and the Trent Valley Inland Drainage Board in accepting the need – and good sense – in holding a consultation meeting between the two organisations to consider ways of helping minimise the significant risks to Station Road properties from flooding owing to an increasingly ineffective drainage system behind this road's western properties, another major flood amelioration success could be achieved!

Attached is a plan of a theoretical proposal to help protect Station Road properties from being flooded, that could be offered to the TVIDB for their consideration as a basis for an exploratory meeting to consider how the Council might be advised on how best to address this very worrying flooding risk.

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