

## **Chair Report October 2020**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> August the Vice Chair, Councillor Curtis and myself from the Parish Council joined Councillor Kiddle- Morris and Councillor Wilkin together with representatives from Anglian Water, Norfolk Highways and the Flood Management Manager.

First of all, my thanks to everyone for attending this meeting and my thanks to Councillor Kiddle- Morris for ensuring we had the correct level of representatives from the other agencies present. The site meeting lasted about 2 hours and we managed to speak to several members of the public who had highlighted their issues. The cases ranged from sewage coming up in the house, to other householders being unable to flush toilets. Both Anglian Water and Norfolk Highways undertook to get site survey reports back to the Council by the end of September. The Anglian Water report has been received and is rather sparse in detail and has no recommendations or proposals for repair and, in fact passes the buck onto Norfolk Highways. I have spoken to Councillor Kiddle- Morris and I have made it clear that if we end up with the same answer as 10 years ago – that is to say Anglian Water say it's a Highways Issue and Norfolk Highways say its an Anglian Water issue, then the time has come to get sorted once and for all.

I now need the Council to consider over the next month if they are in support of press and media action to highlight this problem. In the event that we act, this action would require all of the Council being present at the press briefing. I hope this distressing problem can be resolved without press action but at the same time I do not think we can allow this matter to be left again.

My thanks to Councillor Bateman for arranging for Hale Road trod to be repaired.

My thanks to Councillor Curtis who accompanied me on a walk round the village recently and took pictures of blocked drains and raised issues concerning a blocked footpath.