Foul Drain overview

Southern Water tankers are in regular use to keep pumping stations operational outside “Trees” and “Black Bungalow”. We are pursuing management at SW to discuss possible improvements.

Rainwater overview

Recent heavy rain has generally drained away but the issues remain of undersized road culverts and very slow flows in ditches.

Highways have been contacted with a view to increasing culvert sizes and adjusting inverts in 4 locations. (possibly 5)

A strategy is being developed for the pond management and a meeting is to be held in January with PONDS UK in order to refine this and obtain quotations for the proposals for dredging, woodland management, control of the water level and forming banks with the dredged material.

Environment Agency have not so far been helpful in checking the rainwater outflow from the Rife through the sea wall against the expected rainwater captured.
WSCC as the lead water authority after the removal of the IDD have offered no further information of how they intend to manage the risk of flooding.

The sea wall that protects houses and parts of the Itchenor Road from being inundated is at a level that will be topped from time to time in the near future.
The CDC policy that they have inherited from the EA is to “hold the line”, but there are no proposals for further work and no public funding is available.

Proposal

Residents currently protected by the sea wall form a “flood action group” specifically to deal with this issue and liaise with the PC and CDC. This is a recommendation of the WSCC flood risk management strategy.

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