Foul Drain overview
Southern Water - Continue to monitor the drainage network believing that the relining of the pipes has brought a significant improvement. We are not always advised when housholds call them directly so cannot monitor this ourselves.

Rainwater overview
The Pond - We now have toxicology reports for the silt indicating that it is not contaminated and is suitable for spreading on agricultural land. Local farms have not been able to offer help as it will put fields out of use for a year. We are now awaiting a quotation for the full removal and disposal.

The Flow Team continue to need woodland clearing volunteers on the last Friday of every month. Perhaps 29th December could be pushed out for a big effort?

Operation Watershed - We have received the funds for surveying the road culverts that are considered to be problems and the work is expected before Christmas. An application for opening up the ditch between Itchenor Green and Redlands has been refused.

The Rife and sea wall
A public meeting took place on 27th October and minutes have been distributed.

Actions arising as follows:-

1/ EA to supply details of suitable measuring devices for tide heights for the PC to consider a purchase.
Also to advise on suitablly experienced contractors for maintenance work within The Rife.

2/ The Rife landowners have requested that the PC consider managing the regular maintenance of the Rife and adding the costs to the Council Precept.

3/ The Stream within the Rife has not been dredged for many years and it's relationship with the Outflow level uncertain. The PC to consider investigating this further and how this could be managed to ensure that the runaway is as efficient as possible.

4/ Insufficient data is currently available to assess the flood risk level in more detail than just "1 in 20" by the EA. Any new data that might benefit those living behind the sea wall as well as the village as a whole cannot be gathered without private funding. Either the EA or other consultants could be engaged if the money is raised, but there is no current plan to proceed without local funding.

Trees and verges
We are obtaining quotations for some pruning and necessary removal of some trees along verges and where they obstruct drainage ditches with the hope that this work can be completed before the drainage survey.

Mapping
Further Survey work has now been completed of ditches between Itchenor Green and Rookwood. Further discussions with Riparian owners will now commence.

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