



**Draft Minutes from the Emergency Warden Meeting  
held on Monday 15th January 2024 in Weldon Village Hall Annex**

Councillors Present	Jane Clowery, John Cooke, Peter Dowsett, Jan Gibson, Angela Page (Chair), Mike Page, Colin Shepard
Also Present	Ziggy Westphal NNC Emergency Officer and Sue Cook (Clerk)

**Apologies** had been received from Cllr Taylor and Cllr Vickers.

It was agreed **not to accept the Flood Report**. Maps of Weldon Park and Weldon Academy have not been included nor have the maps of Priors Hall Zone 2 and 3 parts of which are in Weldon Parish Boundary.

Ziggy Westphal introduced himself giving a brief outline of his work and background. He did explain that a lot of the NNC budget is being spent on Adult Social Care but there is funding available from Pathfinder 3 up to the value of £3000 per Parish.

- The Local Resilience Forums are made up of representatives from local public services, including the emergency services, local authorities, the NHS, the Environment Agency.
- Emergency Wardens can be trained in helping with floods by attending a course run by the Fire and Rescue Service at Mereway in Northampton. The Red Cross run basic 1st Aid Courses and there are courses to set up Emergency Reception Centres.
- The Rain Project is run by the Environment Agency to minimise the impact of extreme weather events on transport, energy and telecommunication networks. The project covers the Harpers Brook and Wootton Brook catchments, to view in more detail [Project Catchment Maps](#). There have been approximately 350 flood incidents reported here since detailed records commenced in 2012. Traditional hard engineered flood schemes are not considered viable.
- Flood Mary - is a lady who has spent the last 20 years helping flood victims and highlighting the awareness of flooding. <https://floodmary.com/>
- Flooding can be reported on Street Doctor. Do not write reams and reams. The computer will react to figures. Provide the depth of the water and length of the flooding area it is covering  
<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/report-potholes-or-highway-problem>
- Ziggy advised that in case of properties being flooded not to use sandbags but either a flood barrier or Hydro Snakes.
- Ziggy to provide the template for the workbook, which when complete will include addresses of the vulnerable, reception centres, details of emergency wardens etc.
- Councillors to provide Sue with details of flooded areas to be sent to Ziggy on Friday 19th along with details of missing items in the Flood Report.



To move this forward it was agreed to make contact with the Youth Group, the Scouts and the Academy to get the young people of the Parish involved. Ziggy offered to meet with any of these groups, to attend the Annual Fete or hold a public meeting in the Village Hall.