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### **WORKS CARRIED OUT BY NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL AT GOXHILL**

Checked system from Greengates to Chapel Street via Westfield Road and Stothards Lane – removal of tree roots, construct new manholes (particularly in Stothards Lane), create additional capacity by removing pipe within a pipe and obstructions; repaired replaced damaged pipes.

Stothards Lane – pipe conflicts with new service connections removed, constructed new manholes to assist future maintenance (enable rodding & jetting) and create additional storage capacity.

Chapel Street - Repaired blocked drain/gully at junction with Howe Lane.

Howe Lane – Horse Chestnut tree roots cut, drain traced and drain capacity improved. Gullies emptied at entrance to St Michael's Court. Found large diameter pipe crossing Howe lane to west of Railway crossing.



North End – new outfall to ditch near “The Lilacs”, Ferry Road. Constructed new manhole at conflict with sewer system near “Northferry” rectified highway collapse on sewer system and alleviated restriction of surface water sewer created by foul sewer at invert level.

North End – entrance to Primary School – installed new gully to deal with ponding water and resurfaced the footway at the entrance. Cleared the drainage system locally.

Thorn Lane – cleared ditch, cleared tree roots and other debris from sewer. Uncovered buried chamber and replaced chamber frames and covers for maintenance access.

South End – Jetted carrier drain and remove debris including footballs. Currently completing topographical and drainage surveys to consider options for a realigned water-course.

Soff Lane – at access to Field Farm. Located pipe/ditch outfall.

### **ANGLIAN WATER PROPOSALS FOR GOXHILL**

The proposed Anglian Water scheme will provide an increased level of flood protection to properties in the areas of Ferry Road, North End, Horsegate Field Road, Mill Lane & Willow Lane of Goxhill.

Sewers will be constructed within the highways of all of the above locations, along with link sewers to the fields between Horsegate Field Road and North End (southern and northern ends). These link sewers will feed into the new storm trunk main running through open land to North End pumping station.

It should be noted that the growth allowance has been included for in the scheme but that local sewer networks may require upgrades to cater for flows, dependant onto the exact nature and quantity of flows from any development

The solution takes account of growth predictions (based on the village's growth plans), to ensure a future proof design. The scope includes for approximately 3.6 km of relief sewer network ranging from 225mm dia to 525mm dia and 300m<sup>3</sup> of storm water storage (near to North End Pumping Station). As part of the detailed design stage we will be serving Water Industry Act notices on affected parties, following a consultation process. We will also need to serve highways notices, including road closure applications, where necessary.

Final financial approval is planned for later this calendar year with construction (subject to approval) likely to commence in early 2012. The construction duration is estimated at between 10-14 months, but will be reviewed in detail. The solution developed will require some work within highways, however the majority of the solution is within 'soft' land, limiting the impact on the community as far as possible.

### **SO NOW YOU KNOW.**

NLC have obviously done repair and maintenance work, but the recent blockage on Ferry Road shows the problem is still there. Anglia Water have made more significant plans. But they have not received financial approval yet so don't hold your breath.

The cynic in me also wonders about the significance of the positioning of the new drain to the east of the village where large areas of land are sitting waiting to be built on by Keigar Homes

In the meantime, the moratorium on building is still in place, although there are a surprising number of new houses being built, even in areas that were flooded in 2007, so I don't know how effective the moratorium is.

At the start of the meeting we were told that the floods of 2007 were a 1 in 150 year occurrence, so we can relax. Tell the people in Goole and East Yorkshire who got flooded for a second time this year, that they need not worry!

Until the antiquated and inadequate drainage system is actually improved, not just talked about, and can cope with the increasingly erratic weather and an expanding village, none of us can relax while our insurance premiums continue to escalate and the value of our homes are affected.

Thank you to the WI for organising the meeting and for the refreshments.

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