



## MINETY PARISH FLOOD PLAN



There are no major rivers within Minety but there are still flood risks due to the low lying nature of the area and the limited ditch capacity in comparison with the amount of housing development that has occurred in the past 50 years.

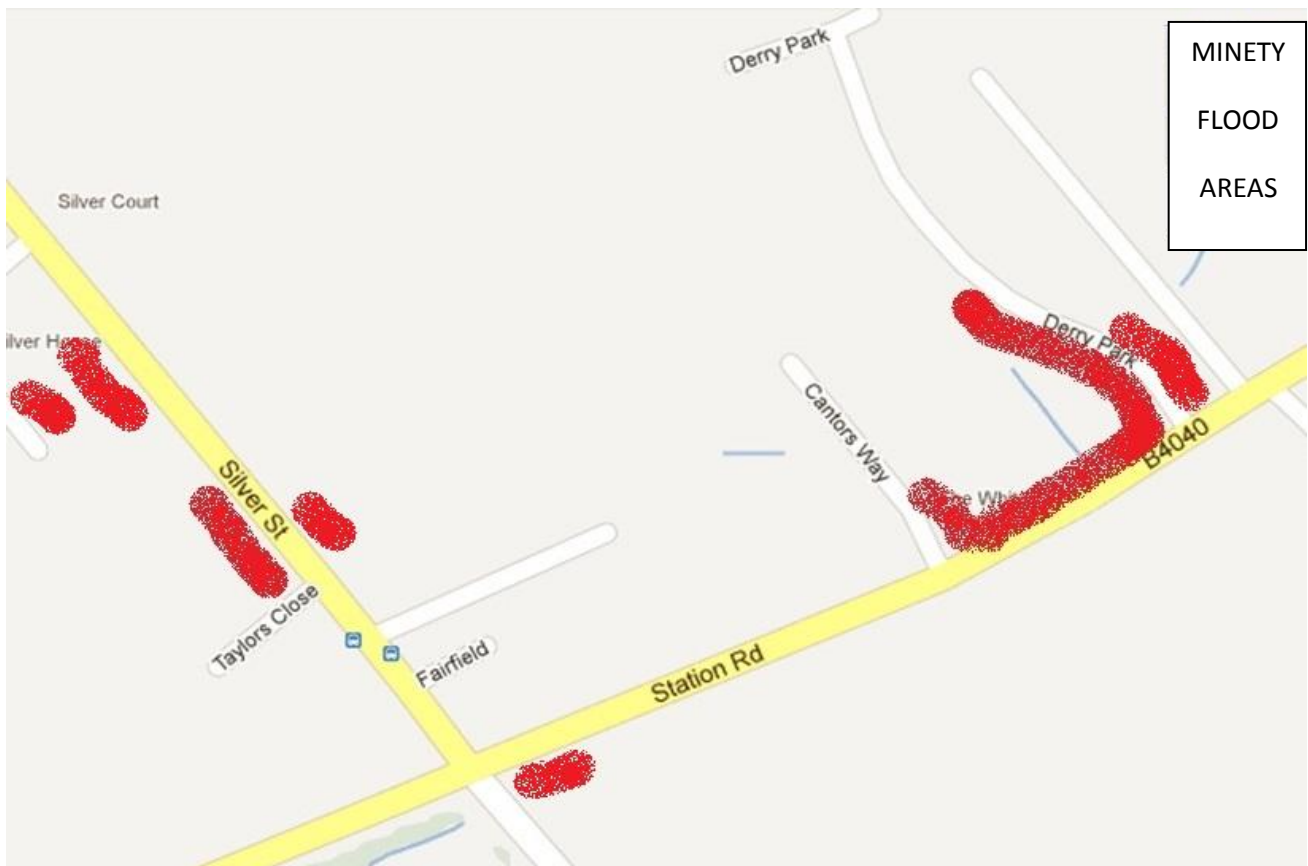
### 1. Major Flooding Mechanisms

- Surface water – roads, ditches and fields;
- Groundwater – high water table;
- Sewage – sewers, rising mains and pumping stations;

### 2. Locations at risk of flooding

#### KEY TO MAPS

-  Properties at risk
-  Roads at risk



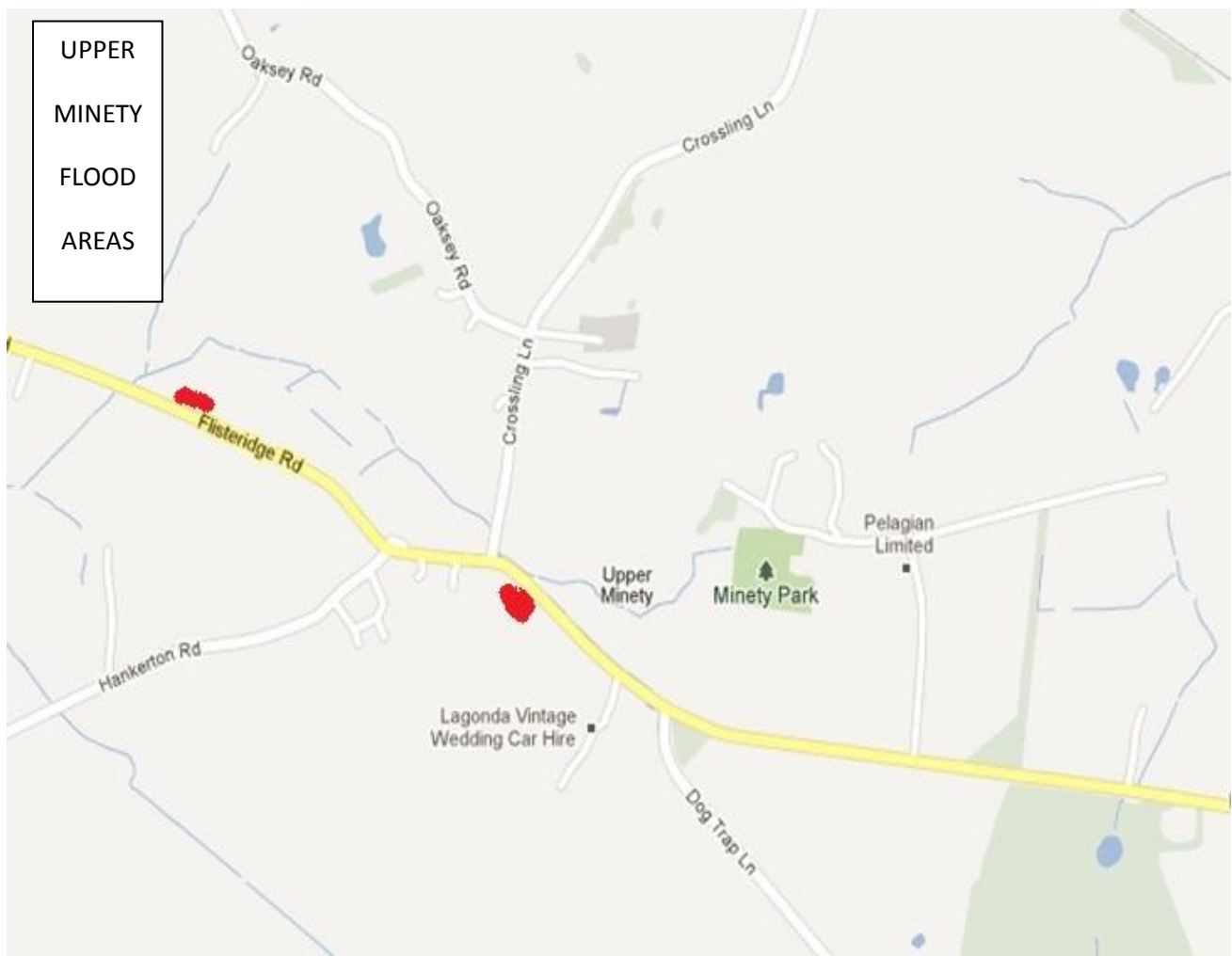
Area 1 (Minety)

At risk: Cottages in Station Road backing on to open ditch and properties at lower end of Derry Park and Cantors Way.

Action: When water in ditch between Cantors Way and Derry Park reaches top of culvert at Derry Park, inform Flood Warden.

At risk: Taylors Close, properties towards the bottom of Silver Street and Silver Close and the Turnpike Public House.

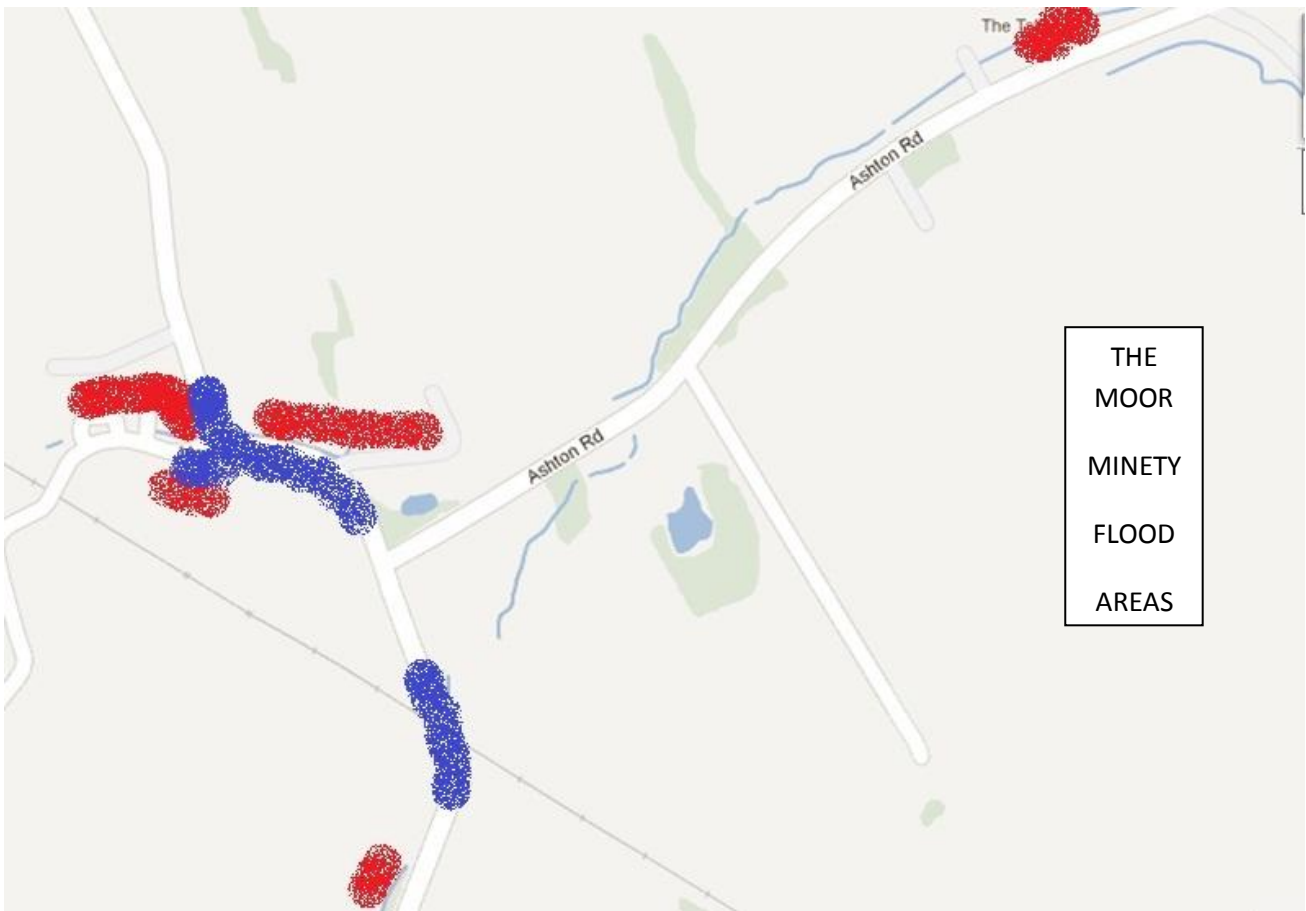
Action: When flood water threatens the Old Printing Works House at Taylors Close, inform Flood Warden.



Area 2 (Upper Minety)

At risk: Low lying properties on the Flisteridge Road

Action: When flood water threatens properties here, inform Flood Warden.



Area 3 (The Moor, Minety)

At risk: Low lying properties on the Moor and Ashton Road

Action: When flood water threatens properties here, inform Flood Warden.

**3. Flood Prevention**

ALL Landowners and Home Owners have a LEGAL responsibility to keep drainage ditches adjacent to their property clear of any obstructions that may prevent the free flow of water. Adherence can be enforced by councils under legislation (Land Drainage Act).

Individuals should take reasonable precautions to protect their own property from flooding, including the storage of items such as sandbags, polythene sheeting and flood boards.

**4. Flood wardens/local volunteers/Flood plan co-ordinator**

At no time should any volunteer, co-ordinator or flood warden put their own life at risk. They should monitor the situation and advise other organisations as necessary, if:

- A drain/culvert is full or blocked;
- Ditches or streams are running high;

They should monitor the situation regarding vulnerable residents, properties and locations

Flood Warden

Name:

Contact Number:

Local volunteers

Name:

Contact Number:

Flood Plan Co-ordinator

Name: Rob Hilliar

Contact Number: 01666 860466

**5. Local Storage facility**

There is no central location within the parish for Items such as sandbags, shovels, polythene sheeting, flood boards, torches, etc. These should be held locally.

**6. Location for those affected by flooding who need emergency accommodation or refreshments.**

Minety Village Hall

Those evacuated should take with them: warm clothing, sleeping bags, a torch, food, drink, medication, children's toys & pets.

**7. Local Authorities/Organisations Responsibilities**

County Council and Unitary Authority

Provide sandbags;

Clear blocked watercourses (Land Drainage Act powers);

Police

Take overall co-ordination role during an incident.

Fire and Rescue Service

Rescue;

Respond to all emergency incidents as required;

Use of Fire Service personnel and equipment where relevant.

Water companies

Clear blockages in public sewers;

May take action to protect property from flooding by water from the public water mains or discharges from the public sewerage systems.

Other Organisations that may need to be contacted:

Housing Unit

Telecommunications Company

Adjacent Town/Parish Councils

Local Health Centre/Doctors Surgery

**8. Individual Responsibilities During a Flood**

Move furniture and electrical items to safety

Put flood boards, polythene sheets and sand bags in place

Turn off electricity, water and gas supplies

Roll up carpets and rugs

Unless you have time to remove them, hang curtains over rods

Move sentimental items to safety

Put important documents in polythene bags and move to safety

Move your car out of the flood risk area

Move any large or loose items or weigh them down

Inform your family or friends that you may need to leave your home

**9. Flood Advice and Actions**

In times of heavy rain, initially listen to local radio and TV for weather information.

If rain appears to be likely to continue you may wish to ring the Floodline on 0845 988 1188, the Environment Agency's 24-hour telephone information service.

You need to be aware of flooding and keep an eye on the water levels and weather situation at all times.

If flooding is possible:

- Prepare a flood kit of essential items in advance which should include a torch, warm and water proof clothing, water, food, medication, toys for children and pets, rubber gloves and wellingtons
- Make a list of what you can move away from the risk
- Be prepared to act on your flood plan.
- Monitor local water levels

If flooding is expected:

- Prevent water from entering property if possible;
- Move family, pets and valuables to a safe place.
- Turn off gas, electricity and water supplies if safe to do so.
- Put flood protection equipment in place.

In the case of severe flooding:

- Stay in a safe place with a means of escape.
- Be ready should you need to evacuate.
- Move to a safe area if life at risk;
- Co-operate with the emergency services.
- Call 999 if you are in immediate danger.
- Ring your insurance company as soon as possible.

### **10. Flooding - who can help?**

Contact:

1 Your supplier if you are concerned about floodwater affecting your gas, electricity or sewerage supplies.

2 Your local council or Highways Agency for flooding caused by blocked drains.

3 Your local council or Highways Agency if you are concerned about flooding caused by water running off fields.

4 The Environment Agency for advice on flooding from rivers and the sea.

5 The Environment Agency if you notice an obstruction in the river.

6 Your local council to see if they provide sandbags or buy your own supply from local builder's merchants.

7 The Environment Agency for advice on flood protection products.

8 Your insurance company to check whether your property is covered for flood damage.

9 Your local water company if your toilet is backing up during floods.

10 The Police to close a road if flooding on the road is severe

### **11. Useful Numbers**

Wessex Water Sewage Flood line: 0845 850 5959 (24 hours)

Wessex Water Leak stoppers: 0800 692 0692

Wiltshire Council (Highways or Road Gullies): 0800 232323

Wiltshire Council (Customer Services): 0300 456 0100

Environment Agency Flood line: 0845 988 1188

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