MEETING NOTES WITH THAMES WATER 20/4/17

Attendees: MH, JB, CSH, Bob + Denise

A discussion was had as to what was causing the foul water flooding in the village.

Thames Water explained that the current system was working well and only failed when excessive surface water found its way into the foul water system.

Manhole covers were lifted and the flow was inspected to confirm the system was working satisfactorily.

The excess surface water which happened during times of heavy rainfall were deemed to enter the system through manholes in areas of the village which had surface water flooding.

It was decided that 3 manhole covers should be replaced with sealed covers. The 3 covers to be replaced are 1 at the end of Halls Lane and 2 outside of Fullers Cottage. No date was given for these works.

With the man holes sealed it is hoped that even during heavy rainfall and times of flooding that reducing the amount of surface water entering the foul water system will stop the neat sewage rising and mixing with the surface water.

Several drains were noted as being blocked at the roadside which will add to surface water flooding, 1 outside Neville Hall and several around the war memorial (RBWM to be contacted to clear these).

Ditches were also discussed and it was agreed that any ditch clearance will help reduce the surface flooding and thus reduce the impact on the foul water system.