

# CHAT UPDATE NO 15

## REQUEST FOR FLOOD PHOTOGRAPHS AND INCIDENT REPORTS

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 heavy rainfall resulted in floods throughout the village but especially in the following areas:

- Houses off the A379 throughout the village
- Port Lane / Coleridge Lane
- Oddicombe Corner (Village Entrance from Kingsbridge)
- Tanpits Lane / Tanpits Brook
- Cotmore Way / Cotmore Close
- Green Park Way (including surplus water run-off from the fields behind Green Park Way).

Villagers were out helping those who required it and were seen taking photographic evidence of the flood water. It would appear that much of the floodwater was due to overflowing soakaways, garages, flooded gardens and muddy surface water run-off down Port Lane and Coleridge Lane. The water pipe near the telephone box on the A379 (referred to as the "village fountain" by the developer) could not cope and the water poured over the top of the wall of The Ridge.

This is a golden opportunity to let the SHDC planning committee see exactly what we are meant when we talk about the potential "Additional Flood Risk" by building on the huge 7.5 acre site above the village behind Green Park Way.

Some residents reported that the main sewage pipes had overflowed due to the volume of surface water run-off experienced in a relatively short period of time and that foul water had subsequently spilled over into Tanpits Brook and down into Frogmore Creek. We know that SWW and DCC were called out to deal with it.

CHAT urgently requests photograph evidence / incident reports of the flooding and any sewage overflow so that it can be documented to SHDC Planning Case Officer (Mr Thomas Jones) before the SHDC Planning Committee sit to consider the Acorn Planning Application and the village objections. Details will also be passed to our Local District Councillor Julian Brazil and the Stokenham Parish Council.

Photographs by email to [mickgarrod@btinternet.com](mailto:mickgarrod@btinternet.com) or [paul.farrier1@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.farrier1@btinternet.com) as soon as possible please. If you have photographs but no email access, contact Mick Garrod 07762 425310 or Paul Farrier 07875 536843 or Bob Johnson 07527 667878 and we will arrange collection from your house.

There must be many excellent photographs and incident reports within the village, especially as the main sewage pipes also flooded spilling foul water onto roads, possibly into gardens and into Tanpits Brook. We must not miss out on this opportunity to gather evidence to support our case, which we can present to SHDC.