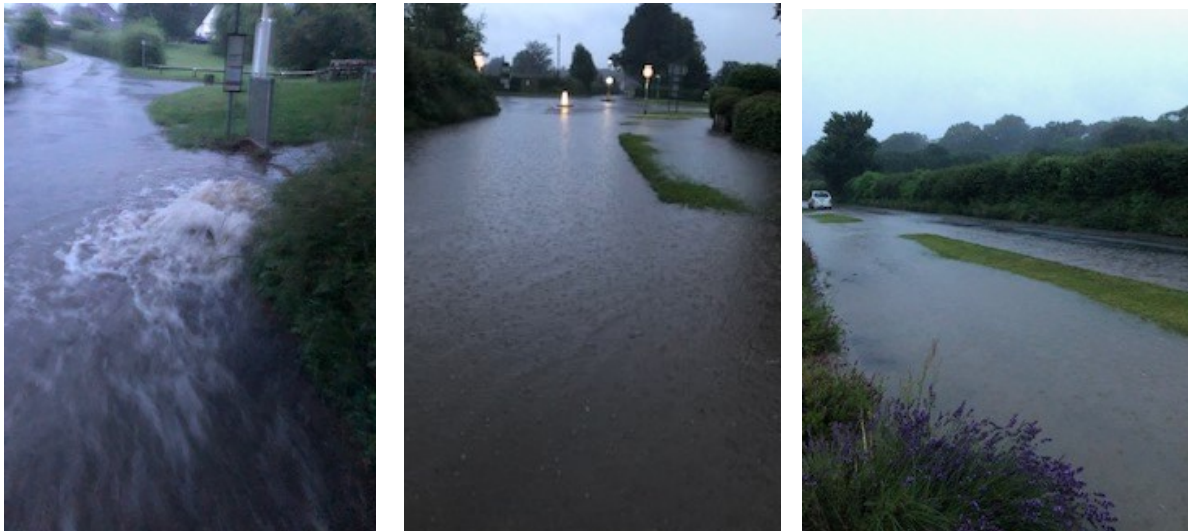




## Chairman's Monthly Newsletter July 2021

In a month that started with flash floods across the country and some very unseasonal weather, the Council's plans to meet outside on the 5 July were sadly not to be. However, with much more settled weather we are hoping to meet again on Monday 26 July, bringing some news on the Operation Watershed applications in addition to attending to various more routine matters.

Some heavy downpours again saw the drains in Reynolds Lane overwhelmed as these pictures show. The Council continue to work with West Sussex County Council to provide a more permanent solution to what is happening with increasing frequency as climate change appears to affect us all.



The soakaways were first cleared back in February, which improved the situation, with the possibility of linking the soakaways into the mains drainage system that runs along Reynolds Lane being under consideration. However, at the time, Highways advised that this would depend on the availability of funds, with the project being assessed against other drainage issues across the county.

Flooding in the car park to the rear of houses in Bridle Lane appears to have been fixed following the Council's intervention in July 2020. We continue to monitor the situation and ensure that routine maintenance by the District Council is in place to keep the gullies and drains clear of debris.

As we tentatively emerge from lockdown, the possibility of more normal times are on the horizon, so please continue to visit the Parish Council website for meeting details with interim updates as usual being shared via SlindonLife.

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