

Question from Mr R Steeds Bringsty, Worcestershire.

On July 20th 2007, No's 7, 8 and 9 Malvern Road, Bringsty were flooded internally with raw sewage. Water had run off the Bromyard Downs which rise up behind the former council houses. A detailed analysis of the physical problem will be circulated shortly. The area has flooded before, it need never flood.

In March a contractor J Poyner put in approximately 75 yards of smooth walled 9" pipe to drain the site where much of the water accumulated.

On enquiry it became apparent that the issue has not been discussed or minuted at any of the 4 Parish Council meetings or 3 Commons Management meetings, nor the annual meetings in April, nor is any provision made in their annual accounts. Yet the Chairman was informed of it.

George Thompson the Land Agent learned of the situation from me in April as did the Herefordshire Council's Environmental Health Department.

The victims, the residents of No's 7, 8 and 9 were not consulted over the 9" pipe.

- 1 Who authorised the work?
- 2 Why were the proper authorities not consulted?
- 3 Whose budget is expected to pay for it?
- 4 The work is neither sufficient nor complete. Can we be assured that the job will be completed to the satisfaction of both the Land Agent and the victims?
- 5 When will the Council implement Mr Grover's simple recommendations and bring to an end this era of mismanagement?