

# WEST MOORS FLOOD PLAN

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This plan has been developed to assist West Moors Parish Council in the event of a flood threat or event within the parish boundary.
- 1.2 Details in the plan concentrate on the operational aspects of flooding, e.g. Protecting life, property and managing the flood.
- 1.3 The actions of each organisation are listed but they may not necessarily be carried out as the result of a duty or responsibility.
- 1.4 The aim of this plan is to provide clear guidelines to the Parish Council as to what actions should be taken in the event of a flood warning, what resources can be made available to affected residents and which agencies can be called upon to assist.
- 1.5 This plan has been provided to the Environment Agency and East Dorset District Council.

## 2.0 FLOOD WARNINGS

- 2.1 The Environment Agency's Local Flood Warning Plan provides details of the flood warning arrangements for specific Flood Warning Areas where there is a risk of flooding from rivers or the sea.
- 2.2 There are four warning codes: -



Flooding is possible. Be aware! Be prepared! Watch out!  
Flooding of low-lying land expected.



Flooding of homes, businesses and main roads is expected.  
Act now!



Severe flooding is expected. Imminent danger to life and property. Act now!



There are no Flood Watches or Flood Warnings currently in force in the area.

2.3 Flood Watch is a general alert concerning flooding from rivers, streams, ditches, watercourses, estuaries and the sea. Flood warnings and Severe Flood Warnings relate to specific Flood Warning Areas at risk of flooding from rivers and the sea.

2.4 The Parish Clerk at West Moors is also the Flood Warden. Flood Warnings will be issued to him by the Environment Agency by telephone and he will relay them to owners of properties at risk, also by telephone. In addition, residents may register with the Environment Agency Flood Warnings Direct service through the Agency web site ([www.environment-agency.go.uk](http://www.environment-agency.go.uk)). This service will notify residents directly of flood warnings through their preferred media (telephone, fax, e-mail, text or pager).

### 3.0 FLOODING EVENT

3.1 The main types of flooding event referred to in this plan are :-

Tidal	(Sea)
Fluvial	(River)
Flash	(Roads, ditches, fields)
Groundwater	(High watertable)
Sewage	(Sewers, rising mains and pumping stations)
Potable water	(Mains failure)

3.2 The principle cause of flooding in West Moors is likely to be fluvial.

### 4.0 LEVEL OF RESPONSE

4.1 The level of response from the authorities to a flooding incident will depend on what is flooded or is at risk of being flooded. There are five priority categories: -

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Flooding Affecting</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>1</b>	People	Action to protect life
<b>2</b>	Houses	Action to protect life & property
<b>3</b>	Roads	Action to protect life & property
<b>4</b>	Commercial Property	Possible action to protect property
<b>5</b>	Gardens/agricultural land	No action

4.2 There are other factors which may influence the level of a response. Priority is likely to be given to the old or infirm when assisting people and to occupied property when protecting property. The classification of roads may be used in prioritising responses to road flooding and the protection of commercial property may depend on the risk of environmental pollution from stored chemicals etc.

4.3 Some councils may not provide assistance in flood risk areas where there is persistent flooding and property owners and occupiers are fully aware of the situation. In such cases the owners and occupiers must be made aware that they must make their own arrangements to protect their property from flooding. There are no such areas in West Moors.

4.4 The local priorities for West Moors Parish Council are those listed in 4.1 and 4.2.

#### 5.0 AUTHORITIES INVOLVED

5.1 The following organizations may be involved in direct specific action during a flooding event. Property owners are listed as it is their responsibility to protect their own property from flooding.

- Environment Agency
- Dorset County Council
- East Dorset District Council
- West Moors Parish Council
- Fire and Rescue Service
- Water Company
- Electricity, gas and telecommunications companies
- Property owners

#### 6.0 ACTION LISTS

##### 6.1 Environment Agency

The principal actions of the Environment Agency are: -

- Issue flood warnings
- Receive and record details of all flooding incidents
- Monitor the situation and advise other organizations
- Deal with emergency repairs and blockages on main rivers and own structures
- Respond to pollution incidents
- Advise on waste disposal issues

## 6.2 Dorset County Council

The principal actions of the Environment Agency are: -

- Co-ordinate emergency arrangements
- Maintain safe conditions on the roads
- Put flood warning signs on the highway
- Organise road closures and traffic diversions
- Clear blockages on highway drainage systems
- May take action to protect property from flooding by water from the highway where there is a failure of the highway drainage system

## 6.3 East Dorset District Council

The principal actions of the District Council are: -

- Co-ordinating role for own area
- Flood warning dissemination (by local agreement with EA)
- Emergency assistance (S138 LGA 1972) – Provide sandbags
- Clear blocked watercourses etc. (Land Drainage Act powers)
- As County Council for highways (Highways Agency areas only)
- Environmental Health issues – Pollution
- Blocked road channels and gully gratings – street cleaning
- Emergency planning support groups

## 6.4 West Moors Parish Council

The principal actions of West Moors Parish Council are: -

- Flood warning dissemination (by local agreement with EA)
- Distribute sandbags from District Council stockpiles
- Provide advice and literature for residents on protecting their properties and dealing with the aftermath of a flood

## 6.5 Fire And Rescue Service

The principal actions of the Fire and Rescue Service are: -

- Rescue
- Respond to all emergency incidents as required
- Assist the populace where a need is identified and the use of fire service personnel and equipment is relevant

## 6.6 Water Company

The principal actions of the Water Companies are: -

- Emergency overpumping or tinkering at pumping stations
- Clearing blockages in public sewers and outfall grills
- Repairing burst sewage and water pumping mains
- May take action to protect property from flooding by water from the public mains or discharges from the public sewerage systems
- Provision of portable toilets in some cases

## 6.7 Electricity, Gas and Telecommunication Companies

The principal actions of the electricity, gas and telecommunications companies are: -

- Attend to emergencies relating to their service at properties putting life at risk as a result of flooding
- Attend to flooding emergencies at their own service installations

## 6.8 Large Industrial Companies

The principal actions of large industrial companies are: -

- Protect own premises and installations
- Source of resources which could be hired

## 6.9 Property Owners

The principal actions of owners of property at risk of flooding or which is flooded are: -

- Move to a safe area if life is at risk
- Prevent water from entering property if possible
- Switch off electricity and gas supplies at mains
- Move valuable possessions above floor areas liable to be flooded

## 7.0 CONTACTS AND COMMUNICATION LINKS

### 7.1 Contact Telephone Numbers

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Tel. No.</b>
Environment Agency	0800 807060
District Council	01202 886201
County Council	01305 251000
Fire & Rescue service	999
Police	999
Highways Agency	08457 504030
Southern Electric	08457 708090
British Telecom	0800 800154
Bournemouth & West Hants Water	01202 590059
Wessex Water	0845 6004600
Transco	0800 111999
Ferndown Town Council	01202 892249
Verwood Town Council	01202 820880
St. Leonards & St. Ives PC	01425 482727
West Moors PC Parish Office	01202 861044

## 8.0 FLOOD RISK AREAS

8.1 The Flood Risk Areas listed below are based on Environment Agency 2003 (updated) Indicative Flood Plain Maps. The maps are available for examination at the Parish Office. Maps 19 and 20 cover West Moors and Uddens.

St. Leonards Farm Caravan Site  
Priory Road from cemetery to A31 (gardens only)  
Pinehurst Park Caravan Park  
Canterbury Close Nos. ?? to ??  
Queens Close Nos. ?? to ??  
Pennington Road Nos. ?? to ??  
Pennington Close Nos.  
Farm Road  
Mannington Way  
Riverside Road  
Gullivers Farm  
Meadows Farm and Burn Beck – Newman's Lane

## 9.0 SANDBAG PROVISION

9.1 A quantity of empty sandbags will be held by West Moors Parish Council in the Fryer Field Pavilion Loft. Further quantities are available from East Dorset District Council.

## 10.0 LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS

10.1 No specific arrangements in place.

## 11.0 FOLLOW UP ACTION

11.1 The following action is advised during and after a flooding incident: -

- Keep people informed of what is going on and implement media plan when appropriate
- Provide information to local authority emergency planning support groups to enable them to assist and advise affected property owners
- Maintain action and financial records
- Investigate flooding and record information including flood levels
- Supply details of properties flooded, the extent of flooding and flood levels to the Environment Agency
- Inform riparian owners of remedial measures needed to watercourses
- Identify schemes to alleviate serious flooding of property

11.2 The West Moors Parish Council Flood Warden co-ordinate the above follow up action.

## 12.0 LOCAL CO-ORDINATION

- Co-ordination of local action will be carried out at the West Moors Parish Council Office
- Information and advice relating to property protection will be available from the Parish Office
- Incidents of flooding will be reported to the Environment Agency by telephone
- Sandbag stockpiles will be held at the Fryer Field Pavilion