FLOODING ON BARNINGHAM ROAD BY REEVES HALL HEPWORTH UPDATE

As all who use this road will be aware for many years there have been intermittent flooding problems here but since before Christmas there has been a major flooding issue. The Parish Council and local landowners have made every effort to resolve this problem, from practical things like ensuring drainage ditches are clear to lobbying their local councillors and the County Council. It has become very clear that there is no local quick fix and there is need for the Suffolk Highways Drainage Team intervention to investigate, identify and find a solution.

Suffolk County Council is now well aware of the flooding problem being experienced and its effect on the local community. However because of the backlog of work and the fact that this winter has been the worst and most costly for some 10 years, further strains have been placed on limited resources and this in turn has severely impacted on the speed with which repairs can be effected.

Suffolk County Council has apologised for the inconvenience that has been and continues to be caused by the flooding but would like to reassure everyone that Suffolk Highways will nevertheless tackle the flooding problem at Hepworth as quickly as it realistically can and we will continue to press for this.

In the meantime can we urge road users to exercise caution when using the road and confirm that the flood signs will remain in place.

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