

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT TO OWPC 13th MAY 2009
submitted by Cllr Malcolm Beer.

I regret to note that due to some disastrous problems with my email system and a particularly heavy workload which includes submitting end of year reports upon the many outside bodies on which I represent the Borough, I have not been able to submit a full report on this occasion. Perhaps the scale of my email problem will be appreciated in noting that I was denied access to 92 incoming messages over a 7 day period and am still having problems in various forms.

I will just mention one thing. It will be recalled that several months ago my motion to Council that efforts should be made to restore the local Thames Flood Forum was rejected by all Councillors of the ruling group despite the concerns of the downriver communities. At last week's Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Panel, a report on flooding introduced by the same group is now recommending to Cabinet that new Local Flood Forums be established. Perhaps the message sunk in after all!

It was exasperating to plan yesterday's activities around a programmed meeting of the Manor Lodge Community Liaison Committee only for both Old Windsor Borough Councillors to be told that the meeting had been cancelled when we arrived for the meeting. Nobody bothered to tell us of this or whether another date has been suggested.

Malcolm Beer.

REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF OWPC.

I attended the the last Carnival meeting the day after the Parish Council meeting and emailed colleagues shortly afterwards that the requested donation from the Parish Council would be appreciated toward the Red Cross cost of £400 (not £300 as in my email) rather than the mobile toilets. It would be appreciated if I could advise tomorrow's Carnival meeting of the Parish's response and the amount which the sub-committee has recommended. The Risk Assessments which were requested in relation to Recreation Ground activities should now have been delivered to the Parish Chairman.

I was invited to a retirement thank you presentation to Betty Marlow, who has been a Horton Parish Councillor for several decades including a substantial stint as Chairman. Betty has been a great servant of all the local Parishes in many roles and continues as Honorary Treasurer to the Berkshire Association Of Local Councils.

Malcolm Beer.