



**KEY POINTS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM BOURNE SUB CATCHMENT
MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING
20th October 2011.**

PRESENT:	Tim Nevard (Chair)	TN	-	VCT
	Pete Shaw	PS	-	University of Southampton
	Steve Rothwell	SR	-	Vitacress Salads
	Peter Evans	PE	-	Advisor to SMB Parish Council
	Shirley Medgett	SM	-	Environmental Agency
	William Daniel	WD	-	Famous Fishing
	Tom Davis	TD	-	Test and Itchen Association
	Gwen Isaacs (Minutes)	GI	-	University of Southampton

1. APOLOGIES:	Gail Taylor	-	University of Southampton
	Alison Graham-Smith	-	Natural England
	Sarah Lynes	-	Natural England
	Bridget Culley	-	SMB Parish Council (SMPC)
	Bob Wellard	-	Piscatorial Society
	Michael Malyon	-	Riparian Owner
	Henry du Val de Beaulieu	-	Apsley Farms

2. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd June 2011

Regarding impending legislation whereby water companies will be taking more responsibility for private drains, PE spoke to HCC about the idea of joint funding. This had not been successful. HCC appear to believe that the situation has been fixed.

There was a meeting in May 2011 with S.W.,E.A.,P.C.reps etc. SM reported that no-one appeared to be leading.

PE will meet with Bridget Culley to follow up on the situation and try to secure support for a hydrogeological survey sufficient to enable consideration of draining springs to the Bourne rather than sewage when the system is flooded.

ACTION PE to follow up with Bridget Culley on behalf of the BRI. Need a list of the organisations involved.

Alex Poynter will speak at the next Chalk Stream Headwaters Forum on 28th November 2011.

Alresford Pond – PS has put forward a proposal for a Masters project to focus on Alresford Pond, but no-one has taken it up yet. At the UII meeting on 4th October, Tim Sykes from the

Environmental Agency had agreed to look at the situation regarding the Pond. PS said he could make the project desk-based.

ACTION PS/TD to meet and propose a way forward.

3. THE AQUATERRA REPORT

PS reported that he had not had time to complete the costings. PS will aim to complete by the end of October 2011. The report should then be circulated at the next VCT meeting in November 2011.

ACTION PS to circulate costings by the end of October 2011.

4. HABITAT ENHANCEMENT ON THE BOURNE

TN distributed his paper 'TOR Bourne Rivulet Wetland' to the meeting. He also distributed several PDF files produced by WWT Consulting showing various web links. He distributed an email from Emma Alesworth at WWT Consulting. £2,500 - £4,000 was the ball park figure quoted by WWT Consulting for completing a study into the pre-feasibility of the establishment of a wetland at Lower Link Farm on the Bourne Rivulet.

The meeting discussed the TOR, with various members making suggested amendments. TN proposed that he would update the TOR and re-circulate. If the budget was affected by the update, he would report this to Vitacress so that a decision could be made on whether to fund it. The meeting members should comment on the TOR by 26th October 2011. When TN has assimilated feedback he will re-issue to WWT who may then alter the cost.

ACTION ALL comment on TN's updated TOR Bourne Rivulet Wetland document by 24th Oct 2011.

ACTION TN give updated TOR to WWT for revised cost estimate; also, to Vitacress for a decision on whether to fund.

5. REPORT ON ELECTRO FISHING

PS circulated his report 'Fish communities in the headwaters of the Bourne Rivulet: data report for surveys conducted in August 2010, April 2011 and July 2011' to the meeting. Two MSc students worked on this for 18 weeks each. The meeting suggested measurement of flow level would be useful.

WD offered a potential survey site on his reach

ACTION PS to email GI a copy of his report so that she can forward it on to BRI members and to liaise with WD re potential additional sample point..

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SR reported that a3 years since the BRI agreed the idea,, VSL had finally engaged Simon Cane to move the drain and carry out some de-silting in the eastern channel and replace the silt with stone. He is proposing £20,000 worth of work. Vitacress have told him to consultWD and TD .

PS reported that the Phosphorus PhD is likely to commence in 2012. Arthur Leung will be doing the work. He gained his degree at Plymouth University and conducted the excellent survey of P speciation and levels in the upper Itchen as a part of his MSc at Southjampton..

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

GI to DOODLE BRI members for a convenient date in February 2012.