

Council

Monday 16 December 2024

Motions with proposed amendment

Topic	Proposer	Seconder
Flooding	Cllr Kieron Mallon	Cllr Andrew McHugh

No amendments have been proposed on the following motions:

- Oxfordshire County Council expenditure of development monies
- Government change to Inheritance Tax treatment of farmland

The deadline to submit has now passed and no further amendments are now permitted.

Motion as submitted:

Motion Proposer: Councillor Kieron Mallon

Motion Seconder: Councillor Andrew McHugh

Topic: Flooding

Motion

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It is accepted that, in many cases, the sewage and drainage infrastructure is not able to cope with the new and increasing volumes of rainwater. However, the problems of flooding with inadequate infrastructure are compounded by a lack of routine maintenance. In the face of increased volumes of rainwater. We note that the number of gully’s cleaned by Oxfordshire County Council each year has dropped significantly over the last five years. It becomes more urgent for the county council, who have the primary responsibility for this, to increase their routine maintenance of drainage gullies, and where necessary, install drainage sumps to cope with increased water flows.

We call on the leader of the Council to write to The Leader and Chief Executive of Oxfordshire County Council to urge Oxfordshire County Council to do more to alleviate the misery caused to Cherwell residents by increasing their flood prevention activities such as gully clearance. Furthermore, we call on the county council to initiate a program of proactive gully clearance, and any other prophylactic measures that may be deemed necessary, at known flooding hotspots on receipt of severe weather warnings.”

Proposer of Amendment: Councillor Lesley McLean

Seconder of Amendment: TBC

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CLEAN VERSION OF MOTION WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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