

Meeting with Southern Water

Yesterday I met with Ryan Bagnall with Southern Water Services at the instigation of Roger Potter Chairman of Bramber and together with David Coldwell (Chairman of Upper Beeding) and Sue Rogers and Paul Devlin from Steyning Parish Council.

The meeting was to discuss the failure of the Sewerage and Water pipe in Kings Barn Lane, near the Sewerage Works which has caused immense disruption in both Bramber and Upper Beeding and inconvenience and difficulty for local residents there.

Mr Bagnall assured us that Southern Water are doing all they can now to remedy the situation and carry out remedial repairs and subsequently would be carrying out some long term works to try and eradicate the problem altogether.

At the moment until works are completed, they are tankering water away from an underground pumping station situate in Church Lane, but hopefully this will only be temporary now.

The three chairman of parish councils will be keeping a close eye on this, and liaising with Mr Bagnall from time to time and he has also offered to attend the Upper Beeding Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 5th March at 7:30pm to give a further update.

All of us at the meeting expressed our concerns that getting through to the right person at Southern Water was very frustrating and have made representations that they really need to improve their communications, with Parish Councils and with local residents on these occasions.

We will write to the Managing Director of Southern Water to further express these concerns.

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Chairman Steyning Parish Council