

CABINET
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PUBLIC QUESTIONS

James Owen

Early this year, many will have heard the story of the residents of 5 Oswestry properties having to privately pay £3,000 to pump away water following flooding around a culvert under Gobowen Road, which has been a reoccurring issue over recent years. While owned by Shropshire Council, the culvert is managed by Cambrian Heritage Railways, who insisted that the culvert was maintained as agreed and the issue was instead due to the volume of water exceeding the capacity of the culvert. The flooding in this location during periods of heavy rain not only affects these properties, but also leads to flooding of Gobowen Road, which has a significant impact on all residents and visitors to Oswestry travelling to and from this direction. There have also been accusations that past developments upstream of the problem culvert drain surface water from highways/properties into the watercourse, leading to a higher volume of water than would naturally occur, rather than into the sewage system. Could the Council confirm if cleaning of this culvert will be completed prior to any potential incident this winter, rather than after any flooding event? Could the Council confirm if any surveys been undertaken to verify or disprove the claims that the volume of water following periods of heavy rainfall exceed the capacity of the culvert? Could the Council confirm if the accusations about the impact of development have been followed up, with enforcement action taken if required?

Victoria Moore

What was the original cost to the council of the green bin sticker's that were faulty?

What is the cost of the new contract now that the council has had to source them from a different supplier.

Also are Shropshire council now looking into going to charge new house owners the cost of supplying a new green bin.