

Emergency Planning Seminar 11 April 2006

It is recommended that every Parish have an Emergency Planning Officer, usually supported by a committee and an emergency plan.

Two models were presented:

Single Parish – Pros: simple, members probably know each other, familiar with the area and its resources, easier to get together during emergency. Cons: smaller recruitment base, more expensive, less recourses, no fall back facility.

Multi Parish – Pros: larger recruitment base, economies of scale, access to more resources including fall back facilities. Cons: more complex, less familiar with other areas, inter village tensions.

Do we need an EPO and an EP? An in depth risk assessment would be part of a plan, however, a cursory one would indicate that there is the potential for a major incident; increase shipping traffic and potential for collision, increase risk from flooding; a once in 200 year incident will, on current projections, become a once in eight year risk by 2050, increased risk from construction traffic, etc. All the information to write a plan is on the Suffolk Action and Resilience Forum.

Proposal: Advertise for an EPO and volunteers to form a committee.

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