

Boughton Fen Report for Parish Council Meeting 22.01.2016

Winter work on the fen has continued apace, with considerable areas of scrub being cleared, along with the cutting back of a large storm damaged tree, and a fallen tree being removed from the river. The EA's contractor has trimmed reed in Stringside Drain, all as agreed with Natural England. Their work has continued all the way down to the River Wissey.

Two more successful working parties were held in November and December, continuing with more removal of re-growth before access became almost impossible with the recent heavy rains which have topped the fen up to levels we would expect at this time of the winter. The reed cutting programme will hopefully continue in February with new areas being cut and cleared.

I would like to thank Paul Smith and David Cooper for looking after the working parties and scrub clearance whilst I have been unable to take part.

Mark Pogmore