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Minutes of the Meeting of the Flooding and Planning Committee held on Friday 24th February 2023 at 10:00am via the Zoom platform

Present: Cllr Keith Sullivan, Cllr Matthew Riddle, Glynn Poole, Barry Turner, Anne Strong (parishioner)

Clerk: Victoria Bailey

1. To receive apologies
Apologies: Cllr Dylan Griffiths
Absent without an apology: Cllr Laura Day

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th December 2022
All in favour; minutes approved

3. Matters arising from previous minutes
MR had difficult internet connection so IK stood in as Chairman for most of the meeting.

Discussion on equipment to measure bank heights; KS spoke with LD who does not have the necessary equipment. Committee agreed it may be necessary to pay someone to do this.

GP said the NASA 'swot' telescope is gathering data which he will share once it is released.

MR said Toby Savage thinks a business case akin to the Avonmouth to Sharpness one, would be needed for bank raising; this is unlikely to be a viable option unless there is progress with the NNB.

BT is awaiting a response from Lucy Taylor

MR sent Scott Jones' email 16/12/2023 and it is in line with BT's updates

BT to send MR the Burton Report; would still like to tie this in with how it relates to local SUDS.

BT now has the 720 page Somerset Rivers Report. Somerset got JBA to do a review and audit of all new building sites SUDS. In Somerset officers inspect all new build SUDS; many found a mismatch between what was proposed and what was built. BT felt the report raised essential question which he will use to inform the FPC letter to Nigel Riglar.

Note: FPC moved to begin with D1 to accommodate parishioner Anne Strong then return to item 4.

4. To discuss and agree action on the following flooding matters with reference to the FPC work plan:

Section A: Reduction of water volumes/flow rates entering the catchment
A-1 Thornbury area surface water management plan

BT has read through LFRS and reported it is a complicated subject. MR offered to send LFRS to FPC

Action
MR to send LFRS to FPC

A-2.2 Monitor existing schemes

Ties in with the proposed letter to Nigel Riglar, which BT and KS are working on; agreed there was nothing more to add

A-2.3 Inclusion of SUDS in Local Plan etc.

Local Plan Phase 3 will be in the middle of this year. BT reported SUDS as an ongoing issue.

Action
BT to send the David Jenkins report to the FPC; it is a national report, however, David Jenkins is the local chairman for this area

A-4 Improvements to Hill Pill
KS wants this to remain on the agenda so that it isn't forgotten although there are no updates at present.

A-5 Agricultural water run-off
MR has been looking into research and not found much at present

Action
MR to contact EA regarding agricultural run off

Section B: Management of water within the parish
B-1 Improve discharge rate at the pill
No update

B-3 Church Road, Westend Rhine and Camp Road
No update; no issues reported
Discussion on the 'Alan Knapp Proposal' which involved a a pipe adding capacity – however it was noted that if the rhine was at full capacity the flaps would shut.

Action
BT and KS to draft a formal letter explaining this proposal in details to the LSIDB for consideration. Once drafted, send to FPC for approval then VB will send.

B-5 Bank heights in upper Pickedmoor catchment
BT stated they once employed a contractor who said Oldbury Naite rhine had flood plains – BT queried if this is still fit for purpose. BT to ask Nigel Riglar. GP added there is a domed shape around the rhine. KS asked if someone would look into this; BT said he would take this issue on.

Action
BT to write to Nigel Riglar and LSIDB regarding Oldbury Naite

B-6 Kington Road / Kington Lane road flooding information from MR
MR will ask SGC if the scheme can happen on Kington Road as it has worked well on Kington Lane.

Action
MR to enquire to SGC

B-7 Development of flood plan
B-7.1 Support development of flood action plan
B-7.2 Allocate resources
DG was absent so no update received on B7, B7.1 and B7.2. BT added there is a lot on this within LFMS.

Section C: Coastal Protection and risks due to sea level
C-2 Coastal defences/ Bank raising
BT combined this with SFDG report 11 update.

Action
VB to recirculate SFDG report 11

C-4 EA revised approach to coastal protection
BT said this ties in with adaptive pathways. MR said Cllr CJ has photographs showing the EA have put posts towards the power station along the riverbank.

Action
BT will ask Mr Buttivant for an update and let the FPC know why and what they are measuring

Section D Sewage problems in Oldbury Village
D-1 Discussion of problem (see Wessex Water letter to Anne Strong (papers 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Parishioner Anne Strong updated the committee on the following:

- There are 15 manholes in the village
- Outside AS's house the pipes aren't sealed so are filled rapidly with rainwater
- Seals failed two years ago but these have been resealed
- Matt Kettle, of Wessex Water, is aware manholes need covering
- Concern over electronics close to the water chambers not effectively sending the message that the chambers need to empty
- AS's property gets rainwater run off from nearby fields; issue with ground water getting into chambers
- Pressure of water knocks cement away
- Concern over long waits for tankers
- AS feels supported by Luke Hall MP who want to pressure Wessex Water to have a maintenance programme
- AS thanked MR for his ongoing support

KS believed something out to be done. MR offered to write to Colin Skellett to question the system. All agreed that Wessex Water need to change the system in the village or there will continue to be issues.

Action
MR to write to Colin Skellett

D-2 Action to date

MR has been in touch with the Clerk of the village called Mark in Somerset who have the same system; will keep FPC informed of anything noteworthy.

KS proposed writing a list of questions for Wessex Water and VB organising a meeting between OPC, AS and Wessex Water

Action
KS to write a list of questions for Wessex Water and VB to arrange an in person meeting in the Memorial Hall to go through issues

5. To discuss and agree actions on any planning matters (none at present but if any are received before FPC they will be screen shared) and response to consultations
Concern voiced over water run-off from new housing developments in Thornbury. GP noticed the ground water was high near Morton Way and will keep checking on this.

Action
GP to report on ground water changes along Morton Way near new developments

6. Update on GloSES
BT reported Sarah Wells is taking over as Chairman; BT will attend their next meeting then decide if it is beneficial to join. MR said the group is useful for networking.

7. Update on Severnvale Flooding Defence Group
Previously covered

8. Any other items of report (not requiring a decision)
KS wanted to discuss the planning application and subsequent appeal for PT18/6450/O Land West of Park Farm (Barwood development); MR declared an interest and left the Zoom meeting.
OPC and TTC were both mentioned in media reports as having objected to the development. BT said TRAPP'D had prepared a useful report which he will circulate

Action
BT to circulate TRAPP'D report

Discussion on the development; decision for KS to write an opinion piece, expressing the reasons for OPC's objections and their concerns, in 4Ward

Action
KS to write a piece in 4Ward

BT has received money from the rental of land; BT will send VB the cheque and the correspondence.

Meeting closed 12.05pm

9. Date and time of next meeting
21/04/2023

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