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Minutes of the Flooding and Planning Committee held on Wednesday 17th November 2021 via Zoom

Present: Chair Cllr Keith Sullivan, Vice Chair Dylan Griffith, Cllr Matthew Riddle, Barry Turner, Ian Bell and Andy McGrath

1. Apologies: Kieran Warren, Glynn Poole

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 15th September 2021

Proposed DG, seconded IB

3. To discuss and agree action on the following Flooding matters with reference to FPC work plan; renewed work plan courtesy of Ian Bell

The format of IB's revised work plan was approved. IB was thanked for his work. BT will manage section 'C' under the SFDG and report back to FPC. Sections 'A' and 'B' regarded as being of the most importance.

Action

All members of FPC to try to contact Paul O'Connor as he is needed for fulfilling tasks in work plan

Section A: Reduction of water volumes/flow rates entering the catchment

A-1 Thornbury area surface water management plan

No update

A-2 SUDS monitoring

Discussion on SUDS; BT updated the committee that the SUDS SPD had been signed off. MR reported houses built after 2010 have a 30% buffer against climate change. Agreement that there is a lack of readily available information on older developments in Thornbury most of which were completed before SUDS was a requirement. AM offered to share a digital copy of the Ciria C753 manual

relating to SUDS. MR discussed the effect of water run off from agricultural areas, it was agreed to be added to future FPC agenda.

Actions

VB to add Hill/ agricultural water run off to future FPC agendas

AM to circulate Ciria C753 manual relating to SUDS

A-2.2 Monitor existing schemes
Encompassed above

A-2.3 Inclusion of SUDS in Local Plan etc.
Encompassed in A-2 discussions

A-4 Improvements to Hill Pill

Debate on whether to remove this from future agendas; decision keep A-4. MR reported that Hill Pill is not working properly. MR stated we don't understand the effect of climate change on agricultural land it could become important in the future; this was met with agreement. MR discussed government policies which involve paying farmers for public good such as holding water on their land, preventing flooding.

Section B: Management of water within the parish

B-1 Improve discharge rate at the pill

MR discussed the link between this and BT's work on sea defences; there is a possible opportunity to get additional flaps in the future.

B-2 Completion of Church Hill works

Now complete but decided to keep on future agenda's

B-3 Church Road north of the Pill

No update

B-5 Bank heights in upper Pickedmoor catchment

As discussed earlier, it was agreed to trace Paul O' Conner to help with this issue

B-6 Kington Road / Kington Lane road flooding Information from MR

MR conducted a site visit after a period of heavy rainfall concluded the leaky dams helped-impede the water flow. MR has arranged to meet local resident Steve Freke to investigate drain blockages.

DG reported that although there was less flooding there was more water towards Walnut Barn – discharging into Pool Brook. Noticed the farmer had planted a crop which will aid water run off.

B-7 Development of flood plan

B-7.1 Support development of flood action plan

B-7.2 Allocate resources

AM discussed his flood plan; where people will be evacuated to, the flooding event plan etc. As Chapel Road could be under a metre of water people who do not live in Oldbury may be needed to respond. Community outreach needed. IB asked AM to send a list of areas that still need to be covered with the flood plan for the FPC to assist with. This was agreed by AM.

Actions

AM to send VB flood plan for circulation to FPC members

AM to let FPC know of outstanding/unfilled areas within the flood plan

MR suggested working with the Emergency Response department at SGC; AM responded he had spoken with SGC and the EA and that it is important the Oldbury on Severn Flood Plan is approved by them. MR suggested bringing LSIDB on board as they have tractors and equipment which would be useful in a flooding emergency; this was seen to be a good idea.

Action

AM to liaise with LSIDB regarding helping with the a flooding emergency and including LSIDB within the plan

Section C: Coastal Protection and risks due to sea level

C-1 Global warming climate-friendly policies in council strategic plan

Discussion on COP26 and the importance of the OPC Strategic Plan linking with the flood management scheme i.e tree planting.

C-2 Coastal defences bank raising

BT reported that this is a key item the SFDG is trying to address; concern over the Shore Management Plan (SMP) which is a non-statutory document providing a detailed assessment of the risks caused by climate change and provides a policy framework to address the risks. It does not provide the means of funding the policies it recommends so there is no guarantee that funding will be secured SFDG want to improve this situation and focus on bank raising, but any scheme which is finally put forward will also address environmental and ecological aspects.

Action

BT to send letters to key individuals seeking their assistance in promoting the SMP policies to authorised schemes

IB suggested contacting Luke Hall MP; BT said that Luke Hall MP offered to become involved but wants local authorities onside first. Siobhan Bailey MP is also aware of the aims of SFDG. Decision to wait for progress then approach Luke Hall MP if it becomes difficult

C-3 Update on Horizon Project/ effect of losing Horizon project

DG reported that the Oldbury and Berkeley joint bid is now one of five in the running to be chosen as the host site

C-4 EA revised approach to coastal protection

BT responded there was nothing to add on C-4

Section D Sewage problems in Oldbury Village

D-1 Discussion of problem

D-2 Action to date

BT reported a lot of work had taken place along Featherbed Lane. DG said he'd heard no complaints from parishioners and it seems these works by Wessex Water have been resolved

4. 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

None to report

5. Update on GloSES

Decision to stay in contact with this group but as it is very focussed on Frampton on Severn area so SFDG will not combine with GloSES

6. Update on Severn Vale Flooding Defence Group

BT had previously covered SFDG in discussions

7. Decide on date to invite Scott Jones to FPC

Decision to ask Scott Jones to attend our March 2022 FPC as he is unable to come to January FPC.

Action

VB to contact Scott Jones and ask him to join FPC on 16/03/2022

8. Any other items of report (not requiring a decision)

MR to speak with SGC Streetcare about putting slabs around the flaps along Chapel Road where weeds are hindering their effectiveness. Discussion on whose responsibility the plastic flaps are; MR to investigate.

Meeting ended 11.20am

9. Date and time of next meeting is **Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 10am via Zoom**