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Minutes of the meeting of the Flooding and Planning Committee held on Friday 16th December 2022 at 10:00am via the Zoom platform

Present: Chairman Dylan Griffiths, Cllr Keith Sullivan, Cllr Matthew Riddle, Barry Turner, Glynn Poole and visiting Councillor Jeremy Warren (Aust)

Clerk: Victoria Bailey

1. To receive apologies
None received

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th October 2022
Proposed GP, seconded MR; minutes approved.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

- VB needs to delete Hill Pill (A4) from future agendas

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

There have been no further updates on the Water Management Plan. The FPC would like VB to write an email asking Nigel Riglar for an update and copy MR in

Action
VB to write to Nigel Riglar; could BT or KS explain the content needed for the email to VB then VB will send to NR

A-2.2 Monitor existing schemes

Nothing to report

A-2.3 Inclusion of SUDS in Local Plan etc.

MR updated FPC that the next consultation phase will be in May 2023

A-4 Improvements to Hill Pill
Decided to delete this item from future FPC agendas

A-5 Agricultural water run-off
MR stressed the importance of understanding the effects of climate change and agricultural run-off.

Action
MR to find out whether a group or organisation (perhaps the EA) are researching this and to update the FPC on any findings

Section B: Management of water within the parish
B-1 Improve discharge rate at the pill
MR reported that Emma Baker from the EA had written informing that the incident of the flaps being left open was human error; it has been fully investigated and lessons have been learned from it. The EA have now marked the cables on all flaps in the areas to prevent this happening again so it was agreed the matter has been resolved.
DG asked if there were any suggestions on improving the discharge rate; BT responded that due to a lack of funding it's unlikely that any improvement will take place. DG would still like to keep this on the agenda. MR added that the audit, inspection and maintenance of attenuation ponds must not fall out of focus.

B-3 Church Road, Westend Rhine and Camp Road
GP said Ian Knapp will measure the bank heights with a special tool available for hire. He will hire it for £250 for the week and spilt the cost with OPC; this was viewed as good idea. GP said IK was awaiting instruction from OPC on when to commence this task.

Action
GP to contact IK and arrange bank measuring

Discussion on understanding the bank heights; if the pill is full of water a pipe could give extra capacity for water.

Action
VB to add 'Discharge Pipe' to future agendas

B-5 Bank heights in upper Pickedmoor catchment

Cllr Laura Day offered to lend equipment however there is concern that she may not have this as it is highly specialised to find and use. KS suggested that IK's offer of the £250 hire would probably be easiest but BT will ask LD first.

Action
BT to liaise with LD to see if she has the correct equipment

B-6 Kington Road / Kington Lane road flooding Information from MR
SGC have cleared drains and gullies. A local farmer has successfully planted fields this autumn which is hoped will prevent water run-off.

B-7 Development of flood plan
B-7.1 Support development of flood action plan
B-7.2 Allocate resources
Outstanding actions for DG

Action
DG to organise B-7.1 and B-7.2 before next FPC meeting

Section C: Coastal Protection and risks due to sea level
C-2 Coastal defences/ Bank raising (to include a discussion on a recent proposal regarding bank raising from Aust to Oldbury)
BT talked through a document he had written regarding bank raising from Aust to Oldbury.

DG had to leave the meeting at 10.45am

C-4 EA revised approach to coastal protection
Scott Jones of SGC sent an email to MR which he will circulate to the FPC

Action
MR to send FPC members the email he received from Scott Jones

Discussion on revised approaches to adaptive pathways.

Action
BT to ask Lucy Taylor about adaptive pathways

GP updated the FPC on NASA satellites measuring water heights. It was seen as a positive potential research tool for the EA.

Action
GP to take on the role of subscribing and monitoring relevant NASA data and reporting back to FPC any updates

Section D Sewage problems in Oldbury Village
D-1 Discussion of problem
No reports since work concluded on this
D-2 Action to date
N/A

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
VB updated the committee on how she attempted to submit a planning response to the appeal PT18/6450/O but the inspectors had left earlier than expected. VB has since been informed that the previous response OPC gave still would be taken into consideration when deciding the outcome of the appeal.

6. Update on GloSES
Group is currently in abatement; last meeting was via Zoom a while ago; BT is awaiting an invitation once the group is running again. MR is already a member.

7. Update on Severnvale Flooding Defence Group
BT informed that MP's had written to the appropriate authorities.
BT shared Emma Bakers email from the EA; highlights are Wessex RFCC has a strategic overview but Local Flood Authorities are responsible for the development and delivery of business cases.
BT highlighted the phrase 'if funding allows' and said the cost- benefit ratio is not in Oldbury's favour, and the letter says nothing is planned for 5 or 6 years.
MR had a meeting in September 2022 with Nigel Riglar and that SGC are waiting for the projects before deciding outputs.

Action
MR asked if BT had heard from TS; BT hasn't. MR to encourage TS to respond with a follow up letter

8. Any other items of report (not requiring a decision)
BT would like to determine how SUDS are being dealt with; wants to be assured as the SUDS are only as good as their maintenance. Private companies manage new estates; concern over the input of these on the system.

BT raised enquiry with LSIDB to see if the system is fit for purpose. SGC are the LLFA and should be our safe guarders; Rhine is a drainage asset.

Action
BT to send MR the Burton Report.

Meeting closed 12.10pm

9. Date and time of next meeting
Friday 24th February 2023 at 10am via Zoom