Oldbury on Severn Parish Council

Minutes of the Flooding and Planning Committee
Held on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 10:00am via the Zoom platform

Present: Chair Cllr Keith Sullivan, Vice-Chair Cllr Dylan Griffiths, Barry Turner and Kieran Warren

Clerk: Victoria Bailey

1. Apologies received from: Cllr Matthew Riddle, Glynn Poole, Ian Bell and Andy McGrath

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 21st July 2021

DG proposed; seconded BT. Minutes approved.

3. To discuss and agree action on the following Flooding matters (with reference to FPC work plan)

KS asked for a volunteer to update the work plan as it had not been updated it recently.

3.1 Agree on a FPC member to refresh work plan

Ian Bell was suggested to update the work plan.

Action
VB to ask Ian Bell to refresh work plan

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

A-1 Thornbury area surface water management plan

Nothing new to report

A-2 SUDS monitoring
A-2.1 Review Somerset SUDS report

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KS said that the Somerset SUDS report was still relevant in part; BT agreed, the report highlighted the concern that some councils are not taking the SUDs seriously enough. KS asked for this to be removed from future FPC agendas as not much more can be said on the report in relation to Oldbury on Severn.

Action
VB to remove Somerset SUDS report from future FPC agendas

A-2.2 Monitor existing schemes

BT summarised the information Cllr Mathew Riddle had circulated regarding the SUDS supplementary planning document. SGC believe that the actions they are currently taking will make them compliant with the Water Management Act 2010. 0n the face of it the document is good but it does not inform how the requirements of the act will be satisfied; SGC are currently in the process of rolling out a new management asset system so the proof of the pudding regarding statutory compliance can be tested in due course. BT informed the committee of correspondence between Scott Jones and himself; the concern is that assets unadopted by SGC will not be compliant in terms of state of repair. The new local plan and strategic flood risk documents SGC are working on may throw further light on this. Currently SGC have an online map but new estates such as Thornbury Fields SUDS are not yet listed; this takes some time to be included and is very dependent of cooperation from the developers to provide information.

A-2.3 Inclusion of SUDS in Local Plan and SFRA1 revision

Comments have been submitted and we are now awaiting feedback.

A-4 Improvements to Hill Pill

The issues were discussed with a consultant and the Environment Agency. However the recommendations made by the consultant were not adopted by LSIDB as it was decided it was an EA responsibility; EA do not see it as a high priority.
KS concerned as Hill Pill could relieve water coming in to the catchment by as much as 10 per cent. DG recommended accepting with resignation this decision by the Environment Agency; this was understood by the committee.

Section B: Management of water within the parish

B-1 Improve discharge rate at the pill

It was agreed this was covered within general discussions above.

B-2 Completion of Church hill works

BT and DG believe this has been completed; nothing further to report.

B-3 Church Road north of the Pill

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KS and MR have spoken with Scott Jones regarding Alan Knapp's previous proposal of mining under the sailing track (taking pipe from Westend to Oldbury Rhine.) Scott Jones had said he would explore this idea.

Action
MR to ask Scott Jones for an update on the Sailing Track piping proposal

B-4 Flap repair/replacement in Chapel Road

KW reported LSIDB had completed this task; remove from future FPC agendas.

Action
VB to remove B-4 from future FPC agendas

B-5 Bank heights in upper Pickedmoor catchment

No update

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

VB screen shared MR's email and the presentation 'Farming is Changing' which MR had circulated to the committee. Discussion on Kington Lane as a case study. DG said this is a monitoring scheme at present so there is nothing more to say.

B-7 Development of flood plan
B-7.1 Support development of flood action plan
B-7.2 Allocate resources

These items could not be discussed due to Andy McGrath's absence. Decided to discuss this when AM is present.

Section C: Coastal Protection and risks due to sea level

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

KS reported an increase in climate friendly policies in Oldbury on Severn's Strategic Plan and reported that tree planting will take place this winter.

C-2 Coastal defences Bank raising

BT updated all on the alliance between the SFDG parishes working with South Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire Council. SFDG awaiting responses from EA and LLFA (SGC and GCC) who they hope will join future meetings. Local MPs, Nick Gupta, EA, Wessex Directors have been appraised of the objectives of the SFDG.

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

MR not present to update FPC. Discussion on gate at the Windbound site and wheelchair accessibility. KS reported seeing laughing gas containers; DG recently walked there and did not see evidence of any anti-social behaviour.

Action
DG to inspect area for signs of anti social behaviour
KS to get an update from Ifer Gwen regarding what is happening with the gate/ accessibility issues

C-4 EA revised approach to coastal protection

BT reported that this approach links with the Shoreline Management Plan. KS thanked BT for circulating the Cardiff University webinar; it was felt the flood defence approach was more developed this side of the river.

Section D Sewage problems in Oldbury Village

D-1 Discussion of problem

BT noticed a sign from Wessex Water in Featherbed Lane but no one within the parish seems to know what Wessex Water is doing.

Action
KS to contact Alan Pippett, his previous contact on 01225 526000 for an update on Wessex Water's works within the parish.

D-2 Action to date

Covered above.

4. To discuss and agree actions on any <u>planning matters</u> (none at present but if any are received before FPC they will be screen shared) and response to <u>consultations</u>

None received.

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5. Update on GloSES

BT will email Rose Hewlett to find out the date of the next meeting

Action
BT to contact Rose Hewlett

6. Update on Severnvale Flooding Defence Group (paper 2)

BT will give a full report at the next FPC meeting.

7. Decide on date to invite Scott Jones to FPC

It was decided to invite Scott Jones to January's FPC meeting

Action
VB to ensure Scott Jones always receives FPC minutes
VB to invite Scott Jones to January's FPC meeting via Zoom

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

None.

9. Date and time of next meeting is Wednesday 17th November 2021 at 10am via Zoom

Meeting closure 11.03am

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