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Minutes of the Flooding and Planning Committee
held on Friday 14th October 2022 at 10:00am via the Zoom platform

Present: Cllr Keith Sullivan, Cllr Matthew Riddle, Barry Turner and Glynn Poole
Clerk: Victoria Bailey

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Dylan Griffiths

2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 18th May 2022 were proposed by BT, seconded GP; all approved but as only two councillors attended it was decided to keep the minutes as 'draft.'

KS requested to review outstanding actions from the previous meeting. Items discussed were:

- VB screen shared an email she received yesterday from Scott Jones regarding outstanding actions from the meeting held in April 2022; it was agreed not much was addressed
- MR was asked when the Severn Estuary Adaptive Pathways Project report going to be published; MR believes it will be before this Christmas but will ask Scott Jones. BT thinks it is more likely to happen in 2023.

Action
MR to ask Scott Jones to report on the progress of the Severn Estuary Adaptive Pathways Project

- BT offered to circulate an email regarding the left hand side of the pill

Action
BT to circulate email regarding pill

- KS would like VB to add 'Matters Arising' to all future FPC agendas although MR, GP and BT disagreed as it prolongs meetings as KS wants to ensure every action has been covered; agreed to look through the 'Action' boxes not the minutiae of the meeting

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Action
VB to add 'Matters Arising' to future FPC agendas

GP and KS had both contacted Paul O'Connell and it was agreed it was unlikely he is able to find the time to help with measuring bank heights.

3. 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

No update

A-2.2 Monitor existing schemes

BT said this relates to the asset register; without a decent system it's difficult to achieve this. GP felt a central register should be developed. BT said Bristol City Council had given SGC a version of their software to use. BT said legislation is clear that all SUDS/ assets should be recorded; MR said the problem is that the system is reactive rather than proactive.

A-2.3 Inclusion of SUDS in Local Plan etc.

Action
BT to contact Nigel Riglar in relation to A-1, A-2.2, A 2.3

A-4 Improvements to Hill Pill

KS asked BT if this can be passed to SFDG; MR agreed it wasn't worth keeping on the agenda as it is now working. BT stated it's not in the remit of SFDG. KS said FPC had spoken with LSIDB but wondered if the LLFA were aware or EA. MR reported that the LSIDB said it wouldn't work as it posed a risk to the drainage system if it were to become successful. MR stated this was a complex issue which may be ameliorated by schemes whereby farmers hold water.

A-5 Hill/ agricultural water run off

KS felt this could be a better solution than A4. MR suggested removing 'Hill' from the title in A5; all agreed and GP added that nitrates and chemicals play a part in this too.

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Action
VB to remove 'Hill' from A5 in future agendas

Section B: Management of water within the parish

B-1 Improve discharge rate at the pill

VB screen shared Colin Taylors email; this was discussed and it was agreed many phone calls were made regarding the incident. KS stated that getting rid of water is as important as it coming in. GP said although this issue is unlikely to be solved soon it ought to be kept on the agenda. As this is an EA asset it was agreed that it could be worth discussing with them in the future.

B-3 Church Road north of the Pill

This relates to Alan Knapp's idea regarding a pipe from the ditch through the Severn Way. KS asked if it was an LSIDB or SGC asset; MR believes it is SGC. BT reported that Ian Knapp is measuring it to see what the cost would be to do this work.

Action
VB to change title of B-3 to: B-3 Church Road, Westend Rhine and Camp Road

B-5 Bank heights in upper Pickedmoor catchment

Covered in the discussions above.

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

MR talked the committee through a powerpoint presentation. MR reported that farmers will be paid differently from 2027 and pilots are taking place on Kington Lane regarding water run off; MR thinks a necklace of schemes which slow water run-off and slow it down at crunch points could help the parish in the future.

B-7 Development of flood plan

B-7.1 Support development of flood action plan

B-7.2 Allocate resources

Action
DG to complete B7, B7.1 and B-7.2

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Section C: Coastal Protection and risks due to sea level
C-2 Coastal defences Bank raising

SFDG discussed this yesterday; BT concerned that each 'epoch' of the Shoreline Management Plan adds another 10 years. BT would like the FPC to produce a short paper to ensure everyone understands his rationale; BT believes drainage systems could cause problems as water travels along the rhines. Luke Hall MP recently met with some FPC members in a successful meeting and was asked to help influence funding decisions, perhaps from Western Gateway.

Action
BT to circulate his rationale regarding the Shoreline Management Plan and report back on work being down by SFDG on this matter

C-4 EA revised approach to coastal protection

BT said this is very complex but they are hoping to see work on this before December 2022. MR said an officer called Lucy Taylor is leading the work on this with the EA leading on the Adaptive Pathways; Atkins are the contractor.

Section D Sewage problems in Oldbury Village
D-1 Discussion of problem

D-2 Action to date

It was agreed to leave D-1 and D-2 to when there are new councillors in May 2023.

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:

a) South Gloucestershire Green Spaces Forum

Action
VB to send this to Cllr Chris Jennings to form part of the strategic plan work

b) Colin Taylors response to Oldbury on Severn Parish Council
Previously discussed

5. Update on GloSES
The committee hasn't met for two years; unsure of its status at present.

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6. Update on Severnvale Flooding Defence Group
BT said he is working on this at present

7. Any other items of report (not requiring a decision)
KS asked VB to get SRB to respond today to the land at Park Farm consultation being held at Turnberries in Thornbury as today is the deadline.

Note: VB was unable to get through to SRB so VB went in person to the consultation to submit a typed letter containing OPC's previous response; the office worker at Turnberries informed her that although the room was booked until 5pm they had all left at lunchtime.

8. Date and time of next meeting is **Friday 16th December 2022** at 10am via Zoom

Meeting closed 11.55am

Additional papers:

Paper 1: FPC minutes 18/05/2022

Paper 2: Email transcript of SG Green Spaces Forum

Paper 3: Colin Taylor's email

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