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Minutes of the Meeting of the Flooding and Planning Committee
To be held on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 10:00am via the Zoom platform

Present: Chairman Cllr Dylan Griffiths, Cllr Keith Sullivan, Glynn Poole and Barry Turner

Clerk: Victoria Bailey

1. Apologies: Cllr Laura Day, Cllr Matthew Riddle and Ian Bell

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2022

Minutes unanimously approved

DG requested that the minutes were read through in full as he was unable to attend the last FPC meeting a lot was covered which warranted further discussion.

BT read through each question posed to Scott Jones and elaborated on the responses.

KS reported that he, BT and MR had met this morning on the riverbank with Steve Reade regarding flooding; it is hoped that within his cabinet position he will promote the voice and concerns of FPC.

Discussion on the actions given to SJ and how to stay updated on them.

Action
VB to contact SJ and report to him that the minutes were reviewed and an update is needed on his progress on his outstanding actions. VB to then update FPC with SJ's response

Referred to the SuDS Asset Register Integrity Report circulated by him to MR, KS and IB 20th April 2022. This document discusses the difficult position SGC find themselves in when trying to create a comprehensive Register. Cllr Matthew Riddle is taking this up with the appropriate SGC Officers and Steve Reade.

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Alan Knapp's suggestion of taking water from Westend rhine and diverting it across the field was discussed; DG asked for an update from MR on this at the next FPC meeting.

Action
Ask MR to provide an update on Alan Knapp's suggestion and discussion on supplementary flaps at the next FPC

MR will raise a formal record relating to improving flood defences along the coast line in Full Council. BT suggested all Cllr's should become more proactive as the current SMP says that by the 2030's the current defences could prove inadequate. Despite the cost/ benefit ratio being acceptable. Nigel Riglar had previously informed BT that until 2027 only maintenance is planned. BT concerned over funding.
KS would like to see the STEP profile needs to be raised; Steve Reade agreed to take it up with SGC Full Council, STEP would be a critical factor in getting work done.

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

BT reported that how the flaps worked was discussed at this morning's meeting with Steve Reade; SR will raise this issue with Nigel Riglar.

A-2.2 Monitor existing schemes

A-2.3 Inclusion of SUDS in Local Plan etc.

A-4 Improvements to Hill Pill

A-5 Hill/ agricultural water run off

It was agreed that there was nothing further to add on items A-2.2, A-2.3, A-4 or A-5.

Section B: Management of water within the parish
B-1 Improve discharge rate at the pill

It had been discussed this morning on site how the flaps worked; it would involve engineering and design expertise and all that can be done at present is to raise awareness of the problem. KS said the flaps are local to LSIDB although they are EA's asset; it is EA's responsibility but there is a lack of clarity on who maintains what.

B-3 Church Road north of the Pill
No comments

B-5 Bank heights in upper Pickedmoor catchment

KS advised that it was important for the bank (crest) heights to be correct to alleviate possible flooding in the centre of the Village . The proof of this requires a proper survey of the crest heights.

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It had been agreed to seek the services of a local surveyor but GP and KS have not had a response from Paul O Connor. There is a map of the locations which require measuring; BT will prepare a work-scope for the required work; DG and BT wiling to accompany Paul O'Connor once locations for measuring are set.

Action
GP and KS to attempt to contact Paul O Conner again BT to prepare the work-scope

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

KS and DG have both seen flooding; do not think the current measures are working. MR not present to give an update.

B-7 Development of flood plan

DG needs to get all information from Andy McGrath; nothing to report otherwise

Action
DG to ask Andy McGrath for all paperwork relating to the Flood Plan

B-7.1 Support development of flood action plan
Covered in B-7

B-7.2 Allocate resources
Covered in B-7

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

C-4 EA revised approach to coastal protection

It was agreed that Section C had been covered during previous items

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

D-2 Action to date

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D-1 and D-2: Following the experiences of the Strong household DG had not heard any further reports of sewerage issues. DG had been told by Ian Rankin that he was unhappy with the pump which continuously works; GP said this only happens when the vacuum/ seals fail in the chamber.

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

VB discussed the appeal letter for the virtual enquiry Land West of Park Farm PT18/6450/O

Action
VB to send DG the appeal letter; DG agreed to represent Oldbury on Severn Parish Council at the appeal

5. Update on GloSES

No further meetings have been held by GloSES

Action
BT to contact Rose Hewlett for an update on the group

6. Update on Severnvale Flooding Defence Group

BT reported there was not much at present to update FPC as there had not been another meeting yet. The next SFDG will meet on 7th July 2022 via Zoom.

7. To discuss Pill Head becoming stuck on 09/03/2022

BT recounted what had happened; it was agreed VB should ask Colin Taylor for his report into what happened

Action
VB to contact Colin Taylor regarding the incident on 09/03/2022

KS reported his concern over LSIDB and EA not responding to issues over gauges; if the flap wasn't working it should not have taken from the time of the report (11am) to it being fixed (6pm.) BT

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believes there is a video of that outfall; DG would like further information on the webcam's data and to view it from the day of the incident. Questions were also raised on how the LSIDB's sensors gather data.

Action
VB to ask Colin Taylor for webcam footage of 09/03/22 and of whether it is possible to be told the link address for viewing

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

DG requested Steve Reade be copied into all FPC agenda's and minutes. DG would like an 'Update on dialogue with Steve Reade' on all future agendas

Action
VB to obtain Steve Reade's email address and include him in the future agenda's and distribution emails

GP thanked BT for his outstanding work on the Neighbourhood Plan; the discussion moved onto sewerage should new homes be built. GP was told by Wessex Water the current system allows for a further 21 connections; however BT had been told it depends on the geography of the area.

9. Date and time of next meeting is Wednesday 20th July 2022 at 10am via Zoom

Meeting closed at 11.20am

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