



Oldbury on Severn Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Flooding and Planning Committee Held on Friday 26th April 2019 at 09:30am At the Memorial Hall

Present

Keith Sullivan, Dylan Griffiths, John Cornock, Glynn Poole, Barry Turner, Jimmy Nichols, Alan Coles, Matthew Riddle, Andrew McGrath

Clerk: Emma Pattullo

1. Apologies

None received.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 15th February 2019 were proposed by BT, seconded by GP and agreed by all as an accurate record.

3. Review of actions not otherwise on this agenda

- Letter to be sent to Nigel Rigard re Thornbury area water management plan – not yet drafted.
Action carried forward.

Action: Clerk to draft & circulate for comment

- Joint Local Transport Plan response was submitted as resolved.
- Response to planning application PT18/6450/O Park Farm was agreed by full council and submitted with no minor amendments
- Article re: new septic tank regulations was completed and submitted to 4Ward.

4. To receive Flood warden report

AMcG reported that he continues to work on the emergency plan but that more input is needed from others who know the area better. It was suggested that a separate meeting / working group to address this would be useful.

One question which needs addressing fairly early in the process is the location(s) of refuge/relief centres. It was agreed that the school would be the best location for the main centre as it is well out of the flood plain. Need to discuss with the school whether this would be acceptable and whether equipment could be stored there – DG would be best person to do this. The church could be a possible “overflow” area.

Action: DG to discuss with school.

Discussion was held around putting 'names to roles', possible equipment needs, storage and maintenance. AMcG agreed to draw up "shopping lists" of both roles and equipment which might be needed for discussion at future meeting.

Action: AMcG to draft lists of roles and equipment needs.

There is a need to liaise with SGC to define responsibilities – in a significant flood event, SGC would be likely to be dealing with issues in Severn Beach, Avonmouth and other riverside locations so Oldbury may be lower in priority.

The Clerk has contacted Came & Co. (the council's insurance brokers) who have confirmed that volunteers acting under a formal council flood plan would be covered by both public liability and personal accident insurance. (Email Susan Iannucci to Clerk, 25.4.19). They additionally stated that *"The key consideration is that the Parish Council owe the volunteers a duty of care. In order to evidence and discharge this duty and to reduce the likelihood of injury or damage arising we strongly recommend that a written risk assessment of their tasks is completed and kept on your records. The Parish Council should ensure they are competent to carry out the work they are offering to undertake and, for the more manual duties, have access to the correct tools as well as suitable clothing/protective equipment. If any relevant training is deemed to be appropriate then this is also strongly recommended."*

5. To receive any updates on Church Hill scheme

Councillors recently met with Nick Blanchard (SGC Streetcase engineer) on site to discuss progress. NB stated that detailed planning for the scheme between Church Hill and Cowhill Wharf Rhine has not yet started. The plan is to pipe the first section then have an open ditch from the playing fields. The meeting discussed getting access to the ditch so measurements can be taken to inform plans. The ditch will need to be widened to create storage capacity.

It is hoped that works could start in Sep/Oct 2019, so will avoid the cricket season.

KS & MR have been pursuing Mark Parry for information and noted that what he has said was in contrast to the status reported by Nick Blanchard.

6. To identify any further action required re: Church Road works

SGC are apparently not intending to do any further work on the ditch which runs behind properties on Church Road. It is believed that flooding in 2017 was a result of this ditch overtopping.

It has previously been suggested that a relief ditch could be created to increase capacity and lessen the chances of this happening again. The committee agreed that SGC should be asked to look again at this possibility. KS agreed to email Mark Parry to raise the request.

Action: KS to email Mark Parry re relief ditch for Church Road.

7. To discuss SGC response re: SUDS monitoring

SGC Planning Strategy team have responded to this committee's letter requesting local plan policies to require auditable records of SUDS maintenance in new developments. SGC believe that such matters are adequately controlled via conditions and enforcement powers. This committee does not agree.

It was agreed that the next step should be to respond to the next Local Plan consultation raising this issue in strong terms. This is likely to be held in late 2019/early 2020 following the Joint Spatial Plan examination phase. The Clerk was asked to add this as a standing item on future agendas.

Action: Clerk to add standing item to future agendas.

MR reported that the Somerset Water Authority (created after the major flooding in Somerset a few year ago to look into strategic flood prevention matters) have recently published a report examining the efficacy and condition of existing SUDs attenuation systems. MR will circulate a link to the report.

Action: MR to circulate link.

8. Any other items of report

KS suggested that the coming new council term would be a good point for this committee to draw up a list of items to be targeted over the next four years. Items suggested included SUDs monitoring, pumps, bank levels between Aust and Sharpness. Item to be carried forward to the next agenda.

9. Meeting closure

The meeting closed at 11:00am.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 21st June 2019 at 9:30am in the Memorial Hall.