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Minutes of the meeting of the Flooding and Planning Committee
Held on Friday 16th August 2019 at 09:30am
At the Memorial Hall

Present

Keith Sullivan, Barry Turner, Matthew Riddle.
Clerk: Barry Turner
1 parishioner in attendance.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Andrew McGrath (work commitment).

Other members not present: Dylan Griffiths, John Cornock, Jimmy Nichols, Alan Coles, Glynn Poole.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21st June 2019 were proposed by Matthew Riddle, seconded by Keith Sullivan and agreed by all as an accurate record.

3. Review of actions not otherwise on this agenda

No relevant actions. Note the letter to Nigel Riglar referred to in the 21st June minutes was sent see 6.3 below

4. To discuss committee priorities

The spreadsheet has been produced and was the subject of discussion relative to setting priorities.

Priorities were agreed for the 3 individual groupings and priorities established for the subjects considered as priority overall. An additional column will be included on the spreadsheet to reflect this.

It was agreed that the next step would be to assign the individual groups to available resources. Due to the small attendance further discussion will take place at the next meeting

Action: Clerk to include on next agenda

5. Flood response - to receive Flood warden report

There was no report available

6. Fluvial flooding issues & SGC

6.1 Church Hill works – to receive update

Correspondence between KS and Mark Parry was discussed. An email sent by KS to MP on the 1st August chasing up an earlier request for information had motivated a reply received 5th August which provided details of the progress being made in the Church Hill area (note all this correspondence was circulated to FPC committee members) this included a number of attachments including the original road closure letter and technical details.

On the 13th August a further e-mail from MP advised that due to unforeseen circumstances, mainly relating to the location of existing utility pipes, the drainage system had to be redesigned. This will cause a delay in excess of the 6 weeks already advised, the closure will remain in place until the end of September.

Concern regarding the extended closure was expressed particularly the reason for the need for redesign as all utility equipment is legally required to be identified.

6.2 Church Road north of the Pill – to receive update, if any

MP e-mail dated 5th August advises that the idea of a relief ditch for Church Road from the Pill to Featherbed Lane is being investigated.

6.3 Request for Thornbury Area Water Management Plan – to receive update, if any

A letter was sent to Nigel Riglar in mid-June but no response has yet been received.

6.4 SUDS monitoring – to receive update, if any

No further response has been received from SGC planning officers.

6.5 Future liaison with LLFA

The Draft letter prepared by BT will be finalised to be sent to the SGC Director of Environment & Community Services. It expresses the belief that the FPC need a better understanding of the flood risk management issues that will potentially impact on the community. Additionally it was agreed that that KS as Chair would write to SGC as the LLFA seeking a regular meeting with them or that a LLFA representative attend FPC meetings.

Actions:
BT to tidy up the draft letter
KS to prepare a letter to SGC
Emma to send when finalised.

7. Coastal protection issues & Environment Agency

7.1 EA Shoreline Management Plan – to receive update

The information circulated with agenda was noted.

7.2 Environment Agency National Flood Strategy consultation – to receive update

No update available (Dylan not in attendance)

8. Any other items of report

It was suggested that Colin Taylor the EA Flood & Coastal Risk Management Advisor West of England Partnership & Strategic Overview Team Wessex Area be asked to attend at some time to provide an insight into the work he is involved in.

9. Meeting closure

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 18th October 2019 at 9:30am in the Memorial Hall.