



Oldbury on Severn Parish Council

Minutes of The Flooding and Planning Committee meeting held on 17th March 2021 at 10am via the video conferencing platform Zoom

Present: Chair Cllr Keith Sullivan, Cllr Dylan Griffiths, Ian Bell, Glynn Poole, Kieran Warren, Barry Turner

Apologies: Andy McGrath and Colin Taylor

Clerk: Victoria Bailey

To approve the minutes of the previous meetings held on 20th January 2021

Minutes discussed and accepted subject to amendments

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

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

A-1 Thornbury area surface water management plan

OPC response to Local Plan has been sent by BT. MR thanked BT, AM and IB for their work on the Local Plan. MR offered to take a few members of the FPC to meet with Nigel Riglar to discuss the effects of climate change on the catchment. This was favourably approved.

Action
MR to organise a small party of FPC members to meet with Nigel Riglar

A-2 SUDS monitoring

A-2.1 Review Somerset SUDS report

This has been completed and can be removed from the Agenda

A-2.2 Monitor existing schemes

It was agreed that this had been covered by BT in his response to SGC

A-3.3 Inclusion of SUDS in Local Plan etc.

BT would like SGC to show OPC the asset register containing SUDS. MR in discussions with Steve Reeve regarding OPC's response to the Local Plan.

Action BT to ask Scott Jones for an asset register containing Pickedmoor catchment SUDS from SGC

A-4 Improvements to Hill Pill

MR stated there was no internal 2017 report on Hill Pill; it was verbal discussion in November 2020 so no action is warranted. KS said this contradicts the Burton Report which said some action was needed.

Action MR to find EA report and feed back to FPC on Hill Pill
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A-5 LSIDB pumping and flood management strategies

KW announced there will be a new pumping station with telemetries and sensors where the existing one is. Discussion over EU eel conservation effects on pumping stations.

Section B Management of water within the parish

B-1 Improve discharge rate at the pill

Discussion over where water enters Oldbury Nothing more to add since Colin Taylor last came to FPC in January.

B-2 completion of Church hill works

KS thanked Nick Blanchard for his work on this.

Behind D Stewart's house the small ditch soak away at present however a drainage pipe will be added if further issues arise.

B-3 Church Road north of the Pill

MR spoke with Scott Jones regarding using the same measures/ techniques used on Kington Lane.

Action

MR to update FPC at next meeting on developments from his discussions with Scott Jones

B-4 Flap repair/replacement in Chapel Road

Scott Jones wasn't present; VB will ask

Action

VB to ask Scott Jones for an update on flap repairs/ replacement on Chapel Road

B-5 Bank heights in upper Pickedmoor catchment

BT would like to use Paul O'Connors kit to measure this. AM will also attend.

B-6 Kington Road / Kington Lane road flooding

MR updated that Kington Lane is being used as a pilot due to changes in farmers support as they'll be paid for flood prevention. Dams are being used from Mumbley's to Fewster's Farm across streams to hold back water; a more natural form of water attenuation. These will be monitored over the next year. If this is successful it could be replicated across the Parish. DG saw water there yesterday due to the streams crossing one another and causing pressure; MR said this was profiled approximately eight years ago.

B-7 Development of flood plan

Not discussed as AM could not attend

B-7.1 Support development of flood action plan

Not discussed as AM could not attend

B-7.2 Allocate resources

Not discussed as AM could not attend

Section C Coastal Protection and risks due to sea level

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

BT is awaiting the next date of the GloSES meeting; they only meet 2-3 times per year.

KS updated all on the SCP (Severnvaile Combined Parishes) and that he had received response's from Hill, Aust and Ham and Stone who will attend the first SCP Zoom meeting. IB shared a NASA map showing how useful satellite technology is in tracking climate change. IB stated you could see the increased local flood risk from it.

BT said £5.6 billion has been put in the government's budget for flooding and as Oldbury is such a big catchment a consultant like JBA or Atkins would be very useful.

BT has made a presentation for the SCP group. SCP discussed; it was decided on a maximum of two representatives from each Parish attend. BT and KS will attend first SCP meeting; Emma Pattullo will Clerk.

BT hopes that eventually the SCP could work with both Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire lead local flood authorities. Discussion over whether to involve other side of the river; agreed not to at this stage of SCP's development.

C-2 Coastal defences Bank raising

No updates

C-3 Effect of losing Horizon Project

A lot has happened; waiting for an update on the STEP/ Horizon bid in April.

C-4 EA revised approach to coastal protection

It was agreed there was nothing new to share on this matter.

Section D Sewage problems in Oldbury Village

D-1 Discussion of problem

DG did an experiment with a watering can this morning and found that water was sucked into manholes; feels Wessex Water ought to liaise with flood authorities if the seals suck in surface water.

4 To discuss and agree actions on any planning matters

None to discuss

5 Any other items of report (not requiring a decision)

None discussed

6 Date and time of next meeting & meeting closure

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th May at 10am

Meeting closed 11.35am

Signed by Chair.....