



Oldbury on Severn Parish Council

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Minutes of the Flooding and Planning Committee meeting Held on Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 10:00am via Zoom

Present: Chair Cllr Keith Sullivan, Vice-Chair Cllr Dylan Griffiths, Cllr Matthew Riddle, Ian Bell, Barry Turner and Kieran Warren

Clerk: Victoria Bailey

1. **Apologies** received from; Colin Taylor, Glynn Poole, Andrew McGrath and Scott Jones
2. **Minutes** of the previous meeting held on 17th March 2021 unanimously approved
3. **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. Discussion on LFRMS Briefing Paper

VB screen shared the LFRMS briefing note for the committee. BT noted that there is not currently a flood risk strategy and that JBA are taking on the project and have promised to consult with this committee.

KW said that the LFRMS have met once so far and that a member of the LSIDB is part of the group.

BT informed all that the LFRMS affects the Local Plan; we do not need to respond to LFRMS. KS thanked BT for his work on the Local Plan. BT expects the OPC response to the Local Plan will be taken seriously.

KS provided an update that he, BT and MR had met with Nigel Riglar, Scott Jones and Patrick Conroy on Monday 17th May. It was a positive meeting and it is felt that SGC are now aware of potential issues surrounding Section 21.

A-2 SUDS monitoring

A-2.1 Review Somerset SUDS report

KS felt that this should remain an item on Agenda. BT suggested sending Nigel Riglar a copy of the report.

MR reflected on the lack of media coverage the Somerset SUDS report received.

Action

MR to send Nigel Riglar a copy of the Somerset SUDS report

A-2.2 Monitor existing schemes

Covered in A-2.3

A-2.3 Inclusion of SUDS in Local Plan etc.

VB screen shared the email between BT and Scott Jones regarding the Asset Register. BT explained the difficulty of navigating the register and fed this back to Scott Jones. Scott Jones informed BT that SGC are in the process of preparing a new Asset Register. BT reminded representatives of SGC at the meeting on Monday 17th May of the responsibility to maintain it and suggested creating an audit process.

Concern was voiced over the developers not providing enough information to SGC and the strength of the communication between the planning and drainage departments within SGC. New Thornbury estates have Management Committees to manage SUDS; BT stated it is important for them to read Section 21 and to be aware of responsibilities. IB stated the best way forward is to point organisations towards the appropriate legislation.

MR left the meeting at 10.30am

BT had submitted a new supplementary planning document signed by Steve Reeves which would be helpful in resolving the situation.

KS would like to see a stage by stage document/ report on SUDS; general feeling that SGC are under resourced, using contractors more so SGC producing such a document is unlikely.

Action

BT to create a SUDS asset register flow diagram

A-4 Improvements to Hill Pill

KS reported that the Environment Agency report is still being looked for; KW asked if this was the Burton Report; BT responded that Hill Pill was only partially covered in the Burton Report. The Burton report is over 20 years old; concern over lack of information on Hill Pill in Burton Report

Discussion on whether there was an EA report which covered Hill Pill

Action

KW and MR to find EA report

Section B: Management of water within the parish

B-1 Improve discharge rate at the pill

KW reported that the LSIDB have six pumping stations to renew. Oldbury is due to be renewed 2028-2029 but may be done sooner.

B-2 Completion of Church hill works

Nothing to report

B-3 Church Road north of the Pill

KS discussed the 2014 flood; KS would like to talk about this in more detail with MR who previously left the meeting. KS reported that he and MR had met with Scott Jones regarding diverting West End Farm to West End Rhine

Action

KS to liaise with Scott Jones on this issue as well as asking him about protecting flaps from weeds

B-4 Flap repair/replacement in Chapel Road

Chapel Road flaps repaired. It was agreed that prevention was needed to stop the weeds interfering with the flaps (paving sabs were suggested) as the flaps aren't strong. Discussion over poles near flaps; KW informed all that the blue poles are to aid drivers from cutting them down. It was noted some poles were missing

Action

KW to speak with Scott Jones regarding poles and protecting the flaps

B-5 Bank heights in upper Pickedmoor catchment

As Andy McGrath was not present it was not possible to discuss in much detail

Action

KS to set a date with Paul O Connor to measure bank heights

Discussion over the effects of scraping and the maintenance of flood plains. IB suggested using geo spatial mapping; BT added that JBA will provide up to date LIDAR information on bank heights.

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

As MR had left it was not possible to discuss this matter; see Powerpoint presentation attached

B-7 Development of flood plan

B-7.1 Support development of flood action plan

B-7.2 Allocate resources

It was decided to not discuss these items

Section C: Coastal Protection and risks due to sea level

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

It was decided not to discuss this today

C-2 Coastal defences bank raising

BT has spoken with the Severn Estuary Coastal Group who publishes the shoreline management plan and who are aware of current proposals and policies; BT said that this year is the start of another six year cycle so it is worth getting involved soon. There are no plans between Aust and Sharpness other than maintenance. BT informed the Severn Estuary Coastal Group of this committees concern over issues such as storm surge and asset failure. BT has an open door to speak with them.

BT provided an update on Severnvalle Flood Defence Group (SFDG); they had had their first meeting; no attendees were aware of the Shore Management Plan. BT waiting to hear if all attendees want to join the group. SFDG received a grant from Oldbury shop of £250.

Next week is the 25th anniversary of the Severn Estuary Forum; he has asked Cardiff University for recordings of the lectures.

C-3 Update on Horizon Project/ effect of losing Horizon project

Not discussed

C-4 EA revised approach to coastal protection

It was felt this was already covered

Section D Sewage problems in Oldbury Village

D-1 Discussion of problem

Wessex Water is currently investigating the issue. BT made JBA aware of the sewerage problems in Oldbury Village.

D-2 Action to date

Awaiting the completion of Wessex Waters report once investigations are complete

4 To discuss and agree actions on any planning matters (one in table below) and response to consultations

Reference	P21/02834/F
Description	Erection of extension to existing Class B8 storage building.
Address	Thornbury Self Storage Kington Mead Farm Kington Road Oldbury On Severn South Gloucestershire
Case Officer	Mykola Druziakin
Expiry Date	22nd May 2021
Decision:	No comment

5 Update on GloSES and Severnvale Flooding Defence Group

BT previously covered this in Section C2

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

DG recommended the Severn Estuary website

Action

BT to send FPC members the link to the website

7 Date and time of next meeting & meeting closure

The meeting closed at 11.25am

Date and time of next meeting: **Wednesday 21st July at 10am**

Signed Chair Councillor Keith Sullivan.....