



Oldbury on Severn
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**Minutes of the Flooding and Planning Committee meeting
held on Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 10:00am via the Zoom platform**

Present: Vice Chairman Cllr Dylan Griffiths, Cllr Matthew Riddle, Glynn Poole, Ian Bell and Barry Turner.

1. To receive apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Keith Sullivan

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 17th November 2021

Approved DG, seconded MR

3. To discuss and agree action on the following Flooding matters with reference to Ian Bell's FPC work plan:

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

A-1 Thornbury area surface water management plan

A-2 SUDS monitoring

A-2.2 Monitor existing schemes

A-2.3 Inclusion of SUDS in Local Plan etc.

Discussion on A-1, A-2, A-2.2, A-2.3; BT told FPC that next month the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy would be available and recommended reviewing what is necessary after looking at studying the document. DG suggesting combining aspects of IB's work plan with what appears in the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

Action

BT and IB to meet and review the Flood Risk Strategy Plan alongside IB's FPC Work Plan for FPC

A-4 Improvements to Hill Pill

Hill Pill is now working as it needs water to work efficiently which caused issues last Autumn due to very dry weather.

A-5 Hill/ agricultural water run off

MR recommended removing the 'Hill' aspect from the agenda and amending A-5 to say 'agricultural water run off'. This was agreed by FPC.

Action

VB to change A-5 as MR suggested
on future FPC agenda's

MR raised the issue of the future impact of climate change. MR updated the committee with news that LSIDB are spending around £2,000,000 on works in the area; Oldbury pumps will be made safe for eels. Benefits to Duckhole and Shepperdine however DG concerned as it needs to shut off once the rhine's are full; they don't shut when the carrier rhine is currently full. MR informed all that there is a sensor on the bridge by the pumping station.

MR would like to discuss Thornbury SUDS as the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy provides an opportunity to highlight concerns over Thornbury SUDS. IB responded that BT's response heavily discussed SUDS; DG added that more evidence that SUDS work is needed.

Section B: Management of water within the parish

B-1 Improve discharge rate at the pill

No update

B-3 Church Road north of the Pill

B-5 Bank heights in upper Pickedmoor catchment

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

MR discussed B-3, B-5 and B-6; MR measured flooding on Kington Lane at 50mm over 2 days although residents felt it was less than usual. SGC have cleared the drains and ditch. Mr Grey, the local farmer, has successfully planted mustard and will be able to plant spring barley for the first time in years which will aid water attenuation.

Discussion on lack of funding for Oldbury on Severn despite over 4000 homes being built in Thornbury; DG would like to see greater investment in the parish; IB agreed that the area is a funnel for Thornbury's water run off. DG said he would like to discuss that at every FPC meeting.

VB reminded the FPC that Scott Jones from SGC would be attending March's FPC meeting; it was agreed that IB and BT would meet to write a list of questions/ issues to be raised for Scott Jones to include issues such as investment funds from larger local developments and water run off. IB and BT were thanked for taking on this task by the committee.

Action

BT and IB to meet to formulate a list of questions/ issues to raise with Scott Jones in March's FPC meeting

B-7 Development of flood plan

B-7.1 Support development of flood action plan

B-7.2 Allocate resources

DG updated the committee that Andy McGrath had resigned as Flood Warden; DG will liaise with AM to review what AM has produced relating to a flood plan and will turn it into a presentation for FPC in March.

Action

DG to present a Flood Plan in March's FPC meeting

Section C: Coastal Protection and risks due to sea level

C-2 Coastal defences Bank raising

BT has been working on this as part of the work of SFDG. BT disappointed with the lack of information available on this issue. Nigel Riglar informed BT that this is linked to the National Flood Risk Management Plan which ends in 2027. BT offered to circulate his correspondence with Nigel Riglar at the end of the meeting.

Action

BT to circulate Nigel Riglar's correspondence relating to C-2

C-4 EA revised approach to coastal protection

BT would like to know how funding related to this project will be spent. Revised approach is about adaptive pathways and embracing Ecology. IB concerned bank raising at Avonmouth will push water towards the parish. DG said that Littleton would flood first then Oldbury on

Severn. BT said the parishes across the river are likely to suffer more. BT said it was imperative to keep raising the issues with SGC councillors and officers.

Section D Sewage problems in Oldbury Village

D-1 Discussion of problem

D-2 Action to date

DG reported all sewerage works had been completed. IB reported a problem with the manhole near his house; DG said it was a pump problem and being addressed.

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:

- **Local Flood Risk Management Plan 2021-2027 Consultation**

BT will send a response and was thanked for this.

5. Update on GloSES

BT said the group is interesting but SFDG won't affiliate with them officially. Oldbury PC will be invited to the next meeting so a better understanding will be possible. The remit of the GloSES is much wider than the SFDG. MR is Oldbury on Severn's representative at GloSES and will update FPC as and when necessary.

6. Update on Severn Vale Flooding Defence Group

BT said a meeting of the SFDG was happening tonight; invited IB to join who is interested. For the future it would be sensible for IB to become a SFDG member,

Action

IB to become a member of SFDG

BT explained how to use the EA interactive map and how to navigate it; will circulate to FPC

Action

BT to circulate EA interactive map to FPC members

7. To receive resignation of Andrew McGrath as Flood Warden

It was agreed to thank Andy McGrath for his work. DG to write an advert seeking to recruit a new Flood Warden; he will liaise with AM to create this.

Action

DG to send VB the Flood Warden advert to add to the website

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

GP has been unable to get in touch with Paul O'Connor; he will ask Gerald Porter to assist.

Action

GP to ask Gerald Porter to help him contact Paul O'Connor

IB and BT said they would circulate the list of questions for Scott Jones prior to the meeting and asked for input from the FPC if they would like anything additionally added.

Action

BT and IB to circulate list of questions for SJ before FPC in March

9. Date and time of next meeting is Wednesday 16th March at 10am via Zoom

Meeting closed.