

South Ferriby Parish Council

Minutes of the Flood Protection Committee meeting held
on Monday 5th June 2017 at 7.00pm
in South Ferriby Village Hall, Horkstow Road, South Ferriby

Present

Cllr Sara Haddon (Chair)

Cllr Roy Holloway

Cllr Dave Mouncey

No members of the public present

050617/1 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr D Bennett – work commitments.

050617/2 Declarations of Interest

a) Declarations of interest:

Cllr R Holloway	All Agenda Items	Personal	Flood affected on 5 th December 2013
Cllr S Haddon	All Agenda Items	Personal	Flood affected on 5 th December 2013
Cllr D Mouncey	All Agenda Items	Personal	Flood affected on 5 th December 2013

b) No dispensations given.

050617/3 Scope of Committee

- Flood defence works.
- Flood warnings.
- Individual flood protection measures.
- Flood elements of Emergency Plan.
- Insurance issues.

050617/4 Flood Defence Works

a) Current position

- Cllr Holloway commented that he had attended two of the new style meetings arranged by NLC. The next meeting is on the 14th June 2017 with landowners, from the Humber bank to Ulceby Skitter, being invited for breakfast. It is understood that private residential owners with relevant land in South Ferriby and also Scawby Estates have been contacted. Cllr Mouncey confirmed that the Environment Agency (EA) had a duty to provide flood defences. It is likely that there will be financial compensation to landowners. Kamen Kalchev of the EA has advised Cllr Holloway that a decision regarding the preferred scheme would be determined by mid July 2017.
- Cllr Haddon explained that there are a range of views from Sluice Road residents. Some would like to get the defences built as soon as possible; others are prepared to wait until the right scheme becomes evident. Some are concerned with potential noise off the bank being reflected back and others with the loss of view. Their views and concerns need to be taken on board.
- Engineering concerns – would it cope with a tidal surge, such as the village experienced in 2013? The PC would like to know the technical answers to a number of engineering questions. Surely the EA need to know this too before they can approach funding bodies? What are the proposals?
- At this point, Cllr Bennett's email was read out, outlining his concern. In summary it read:

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Position: _____

Date: _____

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Despite lots of feedback.....my objections are more about the concept that we seem to be going for a basic option, rather than assessing what is best for the area, residents, wildlife, visitors, etc etc in the long term. I think the challenges from us to the EA should be that we need to see the fully costed (with all other considerations) proposals for a few different options regarding lifting the bank. This will allow us to properly consider whether the cost saving outweighs the other negative effects as well as challenging the EA over their assumptions.

I'm also not clear what happens to the existing bank if we build a new one. If it's left there could we potentially end up with a non maintained bank that 99% of the time holds back the Humber and then when it gets overtopped we have a secondary bank that should work but up to that point will have been completely untested. We also don't know what impact having two banks will actually have to flood flows when/ if something happens again. Will it just channel water directly to the Hope and Anchor/ east drain/ Ancholme. All of this is still very unclear to me.

Apologies again that I can't be there to voice this in person but I trust you know where I am coming from. This is a 100 year solution (if not more) so let's make sure we get it right.

- Cllr Holloway commented that he did not want hurdles being put in the way of the EA. There are various schemes, ranging from £3M to £10M.
- Cemex have not been officially presented with the schemes, only what the village saw at the communication day. It is understood that their plant will not be protected by any of the proposed schemes. Cemex have materials available but they are out of the loop at the moment. Phil Baynes-Clark (VP Cement in UK) is now a UK Board Director. He has confirmed that Cemex are not engaged in any detailed discussions with EA.
- The scheme which is understood to be favoured would create a new bank behind Packet House, a short bank to A1077 and tidal doors on the A1077 (east drain side). No Hope & Anchor or lock in this scheme.
- Could the A1077 be moved? This flood bank needs to last until 2056, but how will global warming affect matters? If the road is closed once in a while it would not cause too many problems but would there be knock-on economic effects if it was more often?
- Cllr Mouncey understands that Natural England insists that the existing bank has to remain. Any new bank will settle in 3-5 years and then it will be topped up. There will be a public footpath on the new bank.
- An environmental survey needs to be done urgently. Starting date for commencement of work is still May 2019. No indication of a finish date but it is possible that it will take 18 months to 2 years (2021).
- Environmental concerns make the cost higher. The view in the village is that residents want the existing bank raised; however, it is likely that there will be a new bank.

b) Timetable

Cllr Haddon will ask the EA to provide an updated timetable. They are having problems with the estuary computer model – the main channels switch back and forth and may move again soon.

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c) Communications

Letters will be sent to the Environment Agency & North Lincolnshire Council advising of the setting up of this committee. A draft agenda will be attached for information on the scope of the committee.

d) Strategy going forward

Residents need to be kept informed. NLC Ward Councillors are communicating via their political leaflets but residents should just have all the facts. Cllr Mouncey explained that the EA have a legal responsibility for flood defences and cannot wash their hands of the need to communicate with the village or PC. The PC need to be kept more in the picture and not have to rely on word of mouth. It would appear not all NLC/EA meetings are minuted and distributed. Points to consider:

- Moving of the A1077.
- Could there be water ingress due to the Ancholme?
- Technical concerns around the Ancholme.
- There is a wider interest in the general options but also in not delaying the expected preferred option.
- The PC needs to know enough to be able to recommend to residents which option is most suitable.

050617/5 Flood Warnings

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

050617/6 Individual Flood Protection Measures

Members discussed the need to not only get measures in place but also maintain them. Foam/rubber elements of protection measures will perish over time. Would all measures work? Have newly moved-in residents put measures in place? Do the pensioners on Andrews Road need additional assistance? Could the Low Villages Newsletter be used to provide residents with a list of reputable flood defence advisors/suppliers? These points will be addressed at future meetings.

050617/7 Flood Re – Flood Re-insurance Scheme

Currently applies to properties that are used for private, residential purposes and were built before 1st January 2009. Could the PC facilitate a buddy scheme, matching someone with a more in depth knowledge of the insurance system with those residents that are struggling with getting reasonably priced insurance?

050617/8 Matters Arising

It was proposed that at the next full council meeting on the 12th June 2017, members would propose that this committee was granted a delegated responsibility of issuing the village with update communications, if the matter was too urgent to wait for approval at the next full council meeting. Any such communications would be circulated amongst members for comments/changes prior to distribution to residents.

050617/9 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 24th July 2017 at 7pm.

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Position: _____

Date: _____