

South Ferriby Parish Council

**Minutes of the Flood Protection Committee meeting held
on Tuesday 26th September 2017 at 7.00pm
in South Ferriby Village Hall, Horkstow Road, South Ferriby**

Present

Cllr Sara Haddon (Chair)

Cllr Dewi Bennett

Cllr Roy Holloway

Mrs Maureen Petit – Community Member

260917/1 Apologies

None.

260917/2 Declarations of Interest

a) Declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below:

Cllr Bennett	All Agenda Items	Personal	South Ferriby Resident & Flood Affected on 5/12/2013
Cllr Haddon	All Agenda Items	Personal	South Ferriby Resident & Flood Affected on 5/12/2013
Cllr Holloway	All Agenda Items	Personal	South Ferriby Resident & Flood Affected on 5/12/2013

b) Dispensations to stay, discuss and vote given to all Councillors regarding all agenda items.

260917/3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on the 5th June and 24th July 2017 were approved by members and signed by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr Bennett, seconded: Cllr Holloway

260917/4 Flood Defence Works

a) Environment Agency proposals

- Cllr Haddon has had a conversation with a landowner in the village who is not happy about the proposed bank ingress on his field. The landowner has proposed a different location for the bank. The EA will need to liaise with Scawby Estates, who may want financial compensation.
- New proposed works maps will be issued soon which the PC can have copies of. There will not be another consultation event but Cllr Haddon is hoping for digital copies of the maps to put on the website. An A3 colour printer would be a useful purchase for the PC to enable copies to be given to those without the internet.
- Technically, members prefer logs to a static gate on the A1077. The EA will man them all and they will be stored in their depots as they could become damaged if stored on the roadside. It is unknown if they will they go up during a 'Flood Warning' or a 'Severe Flood Warning'. It will mean that the road is closed to vehicles and Cemex will not be able to get in/out.
- Discussions have begun with Colin McGurran at the Hope and Anchor, however, this doesn't affect the main village works.

b) Current position

- When Cllr Haddon discovered that the EA had still not spoken to Cemex at a senior level, she arranged a meeting between Phil Baynes Clarke and the EA

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that lasted approximately 2 hours and appeared to go well. There is still the issue of government funding if EA support Cemex. Option 4 is favoured. There has been positive dialogue regarding building materials, as Cemex has access to low cost materials (chalk, clinker etc), medium range cost (cement and sand) and those that are expensive but could be supplied at cost. EA are asking engineers to 'think outside the box'.

- There is a commitment from Debra Campbell, who is keen for the Cemex work to go ahead subject to cost. This is now an open line of a previously shut enquiry and the atmosphere is one of constructiveness. Formal written communications will proceed in November 2017. Cllr Haddon advised that she continues to nudge parties to ensure proposals and timescales are met.
- The EA continues work on obtaining the necessary funding, with hopefully next stage progress being made this month.
- Cemex have queried the protection levels that the proposed works will give. This will be unknown until the Humber levels work is completed and until then the EA are reluctant to make a judgement.

c) Timetable

Kamen Kalchev has spoken with Cllr Haddon a number of times over the past month and advises that the EA are on timetable. Next key date is in November 2017.

d) Communications

Letter to draft and update in Low Villages Newsletter (November 2017). Anecdotally the Flood Committee understand that there are a few residents unhappy with the slow progress of the defence works. However, the EA, NLC, PC or Andrew Percy MP have received no complaints in writing. The PC is trying to use its influence with the works, however, it has no power. The PC understands residents' frustration and would urge them to get in touch if they are not happy.

e) Strategy going forward

Continue to encourage a dialogue between the EA and the PC. The PC's role is to look at the project and facilitate. There is currently an atmosphere of openness and the EA is working with the PC in a non-statutory role.

According to the EA they don't normally run projects with fundraisers.

260917/5 Flood Warnings

- Cllr Holloway will be in contact with Melanie Bryan soon.
- Difficulty lies with Flood Wardens having enough warning (time-wise) to alert the village.
- A siren would be a useful tool. Could the EA assist? Cllr Haddon has spoken with Jan Peters, however, he was unaware if Cemex had a disused one available. Cllr Haddon will liaise with the new Plant Director.
- Cllr Mouncey has previously advised that he is willing to have a siren put on his house.
- The availability of flood barriers (such as those erected in January 2017) will be determined as and when a flood is likely. An assessment would need to be done at the time.
- Cllr Haddon commented that she was not sure how effective they would be, although they may buy some time and reduce the ultimate impact.
- There also seems to be a problem predicting surges. The EA and the Met Office work on a different grid pattern.

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260917/6 Individual Flood Resilience Measures

- It is likely that there will be grants available soon for residents who did not use the £5000 grant previously. This is very welcome as someone residents were unable to apply last time due to their overwhelming personal circumstances.
- Complaints have arisen regarding non-functioning flood locks on doors. Mrs Pettitt will canvas opinion regarding these issues.
- Residents are urged to check their flood resilience measures regularly.
- It would be useful if the NLC Flood Officer was available to visit individuals to offer advice.

260917/7 Flood Elements of Emergency Plan

- Members are mindful that there will be two winters before the flood defence works are completed.
- Plan has been updated since the flood and very little has changed since.
- Should residents have their own personalised flood plan?
- Important that residents are registered with Floodline.
- A buddy system would be useful, liaising with those residents new to the village.
- An A5 leaflet could be put in the Low Villages Newsletter with useful information and contacts.

260917/8 Insurance Issues

No action.

260917/9 Matters Arising

Cllr Mouncey has voiced concerns regarding bank erosion. Humber pilots are monitoring depths and liaising with the EA. This shouldn't influence the 30-40 year defence plan, with the focus remaining on the main project instead.

260917/10 Date of Next Meeting

7pm, 6th November 2017.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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