

South Ferriby Parish Council

Minutes of the Flood Protection Committee meeting held
on Monday 29th January 2018 at 7.00pm
in South Ferriby Village Hall, Horkstow Road, South Ferriby

Present

Cllr Sara Haddon (Chair)

Cllr Roy Holloway

Mrs Maureen Petit

290118/1 Apologies

Cllr D Bennett

290118/2 Declarations of Interest

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

Cllr Haddon	All Agenda Items	Personal	South Ferriby Resident & Flood Affected on 5/12/2013
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b) Dispensations to stay, discuss and vote given to all Councillors regarding all agenda items.

290118/3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th November 2017 was approved by members and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Haddon, seconded: Cllr Holloway.

290118/4 Flood Defence Works

Cllr Holloway updated the meeting on the temporary flood defence barrier:

- 20mph speed limit is in place with residents and Cemex being happy with this.
- Permissive access along the bank is still closed, however, the EA are aware of residents' desire to see this reopened as soon as possible.
- There are 2 more high tides due in February and March 2018.
- The bank erosion near Ferriby Hall appears to have stabilised, whereas the bank erosion further down Sluice Road is more of a concern.
- Encourage the use of hi-vis vests, purchased by the PC, for those residents who are reluctant to use the temporary footpath due to its narrowness. Any vests that have not been used can be utilised during flood barrier erection times. There are also complaints that the surface is unsuitable for anyone not wearing sturdy boots/shoes. The surface, ideally, needs to be covered in tarmac.
- Cllr Haddon advised that the PC's focus is the permanent flood defence works i.e. ensuring that funding is put in place and engineering issues are resolved.

Cllr Haddon updated the meeting on the permanent flood defence works:

- The EA has submitted the project to its Capital Project Board.
- There have been no changes to the timetable.
- Soil/sample testing from Cemex's quarry have come back favourably, which makes the cost of the overall project achievable.
- Cemex have completed what they need to do administratively and are committed to option 4 in principle and subject to cost. It would be uneconomic for them to do it by themselves.

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- The approval to go out to tender in February 2018 is still on course. The Local Levy, NLC and government contributions are in place. The last element, the Humber LEP, is still uncertain.
- New flood defence plans have been created but not yet issued to the PC.
- Attention has now turned to scientific matters, such as wildlife and archaeology. The RSPB have been consulted. Cllr Haddon felt it would be useful for the EA to liaise with the museum in Scunthorpe who created a leaflet about South Ferriby's history a few years ago. It is known that there was a medieval harbour and the sluice is a scheduled ancient monument. Bats are not an issue, and neither are newts.
- Plans for the bridge over the east drain or the position of the gates are not known.
- The last EA presentation was in December 2016. An update later in the year would be useful.
- The level of protection afforded by the flood defence will be agreed when the new Humber water levels have been approved. This is expected to be resolved by the middle of 2018.
- Communications from the government, Andrew Percy MP and Humber Strategy have gone quiet, although it is known that Andrew Percy is keeping a close eye on the project.
- The Hope & Anchor are looking to implement their own flood defences with something along the lines of a glass veranda. However, this is likely to be very expensive.
- Cllr Haddon will write an article for the March 2018 edition of the Low Villages' Newsletter.
- Future EA press releases will be done independently of the PC; however, they will contain a statement from the PC. These press releases need to be apolitical and objective.
- The EA are under pressure to ensure that the timescales do not slip. This project is being run by the EA and not NLC.
- Residents that are unhappy or concerned need to contact the PC via letter or email.
- Cllr Haddon is continuing her facilitation of communications between the EA and Cemex.

290118/5 Flood Warnings

Cllr Holloway confirmed that sirens cost between £250-750 to purchase. Potential suppliers recommend a site visit to ascertain requirements. Differing siren tones can be used dependent upon the situation i.e. flood alert vs flood warning. A good location would be on a post at the end of Andrews Road. Cllr Haddon suggested that funding could be obtained. Item to discussed at the next PC monthly meeting.

290118/6 Individual Flood Resilience Measures

Cllr Holloway would like a Flood Protection Officer at NLC to visit the village and assess householder resilience. Additionally, it would be useful for the officer to check that the measures are operating correctly. Cllr Haddon felt that it was unlikely that the Local Authority would do this, although they may do a leaflet drop. Are some of the more inexpensive flood protection devices more liable to fail? Do insurers even note if measures have been put in place now that Flood Re is up and running?

290118/7 Flood Elements of Emergency Plan

The emergency planning initiative at Winterton Town Council has ceased due to the Councillor driving the project leaving. Members agreed that pre-agreed use of their facilities would not be required as any flooding would likely cut the village off at the

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Winterton end. Arrangements are in place with other Low Villages if South Ferriby becomes in need of assistance in the future.

290118/8 Insurance Issues

No known problems. Issues may arise in the future due to houses having been dried too quickly or not at all, dubious builders and suspect insurers.

290118/9 Matters Arising

Letter received from a resident of New Waltham, Grimsby offering further information on a flood defence system of their own creation. Clerk to reply requesting more detail.

290118/10 Date of Next Meeting

23rd April 2018 at 7pm.

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