

South Ferriby Parish Council

Minutes of the Flood Protection Committee meeting held
on Monday 23rd April 2018 at 7.00pm
in South Ferriby Village Hall, Horkstow Road, South Ferriby

Present

Cllr Sara Haddon (Chair)

Cllr Dewi Bennett

Cllr Roy Holloway

230418/1 Apologies

None

230418/2 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.

230418/3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th January 2018 was approved by members and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Holloway, seconded: Cllr Bennett.

230418/4 Flood Defence Works

Temporary defence works – Cllr Holloway and Cllr Haddon have met with a representative from the EA. The closure of the permissive access along the bank is unlikely to change and there is little point in fighting an unwinnable battle. Cllr Holloway has addressed this issue many times but the EA's risk assessment for temporary assets (the defence) prohibits this. There appears to be strong views amongst a small group in the village, particularly with having to use the muddy footpath further down Sluice Road. Residents need to be mindful that the permanent flood defence works will cause more disruption than this one does. The supply of the Hi-Vis vests has gone down steadily and has had to be topped up once.

Main defence works –

- Discussions have been positive in tone and there is now a strong sense that it is going to happen. Kamen Kalchev has confirmed that they are on timetable. The business case was outlined in January 2018. They will be using a preferred bidder route for the tendering process and using the same consultants.
- The engineering aspect may change as the Humber is unpredictable.
- Finances – there is a pot of money from the Humber Local Levy and the Humber LEP has monies but want to see projects that are good to go. A meeting has taken place between Cemex and the EA (in Sara's kitchen), however, talks are still needed at senior level. Cllr Haddon will endeavour to keep these discussions on track. There is still uncertainty regarding some monies but enough has been secured to proceed with the project to a certain stage.

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- It has been deemed that the conveyor has insufficient capacity and therefore there may be increased lorry movements. There is good clay in the field near Cemex. Testing has only occurred on clay and not on other materials so far.
- The full business case will be presented to a formal committee in June 2018. Cllr Haddon will confirm that it is on track. There have been discussions regarding grounds works beginning in the autumn of 2018.
- There have been some difficulties related to birds, with consultees taking an academic view. It is likely that there will only be a minor disturbance to their environment.
- Communications – Cllr Haddon will write an article for the Low Villages Newsletter after a meeting in early May 2018 with the EA. There will be a public engagement meeting in the autumn of 2018, which the PC will hopefully be made aware of in good time unlike the previous engagement in December 2016. By this point the full business case outcome should be known.
- The proposed works still have to go to the Planning Committee and the PC will need to look at the application constructively.
- Cllr Bennett queried whether the EA have a more co-ordinated communication plan and Cllr Haddon felt that they did not. There are new plans but Karmen Kalchev is not keen for the PC to see them.
- There is a hotspot down by the bird-hide and South Ferriby Hall. The Humber keeps changing and the north side is silting up, but the channel is unlikely to move back. It is a dynamic estuary. There are concerns about it cutting into the bank.
- The PC are interested stakeholders. Karmen Kalchev is asking questions of an archaeological nature of which there are differing views in the village. The farmers are not being furnished with much information. EA seem to be liaising the most with NLC and everyone else is playing catch-up.
- The strategy going forward for the PC is one of keeping heart, pressing on and “banging the drum” to ensure that this project does not fail. Andrew Percy MP’s support is important and NLC local elections will occur in May 2019, so their political machinations may be useful to the village. The PC would like to see NLC’s financial contribution ring-fenced.
- It was agreed that these committee meetings will continue.

230418/5 Flood Warnings

- Cllr Holloway is still looking into the purchase of a siren.
- Cllr Haddon commented that her research has shown that it is impossible to predict tidal surges. Problematically, the Met Office and the EA do not work to the same grid pattern. Wind direction, pressure and tides all contribute to tidal surges. The inaccurate forecasting of tidal surges is a worldwide issue.
- With the publication of the Humber levels in summer 2018, the EA will be able to determine the protection level that the new flood defence works will bring.

230418/6 Individual Flood Resilience Measures

Clerk will contact NLC to request that a Flood Resilience Officer visits the village to offer advice to residents.

230418/7 Flood Elements of Emergency Plan

Members would like residents to be able to access flood resilience checks. Could a local resident undergo training and volunteer to undertake checks?

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230418/8 Insurance Issues

No known issues. The Flood Re insurance is now operational. Will the five-year non-disclosure rule be applicable next year?

230418/9 Matters Arising

It was agreed to send a thank you letter to the Waltham resident who has sent his thoughts/plans regarding a flood defence for the village. The proposals will be passed to the EA for their information.

230418/10 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed provisionally as the 23rd July 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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