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Minutes of the meeting of the Flooding and Planning Committee

Held on Tuesday 21st August at 2.00pm

At the Memorial Hall

Present

Keith Sullivan, Dylan Griffiths, Alan Coles, Barry Turner

Clerk: Tess Sullivan

1. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Matthew Riddle

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19th June 2018 were proposed by DG and seconded by AC and agreed by all as an accurate record.

3. Review of actions not otherwise on this agenda

(Not really FPC business but timely) KS reported that he has spoken with Jim Druett (LSIDB) and confirmed that the LSIDB will not quote for cutting the grass at the Naite and Pickedmoor. It was only done by them in the past as a goodwill gesture to the Fun Run. It was felt generally, that the cutting is really the responsibility of the Parish Council. KS will seek a quote.

KS to obtain quote

4. Update on SGC & LSIDB planned works

An email from Mark Parry was read out. SGC are proceeding with research on the Cowhill Wharf Rhine but nothing else has been done. Action on the flaps appears to have ground to a halt. The proposed date for Church Hill is to start January 2019. It was decided to contact Mark Parry again in a month to see if any progress has been made. Current and future building in Thornbury must be kept in mind. KS recalled the meeting in January with Andy Wallace when he was told that they were considering carrying out a survey on water from Thornbury. It seems this was only concerning Park Farm but nothing else.

KS to follow up with MP

5. Update on solicitor advice re: flaps

A further letter from the Solicitor to the Drainage Board was read out together with the reply. It seems we can go no further at this stage. However, there was concern that, if the flaps are not repaired and there is a flood, who will pay for the damage? KS will talk to Emma Ironside again pointing out the concern that as there is no firm decision, riparian owners could be held responsible if flooding occurs and ask her to consider writing again to LSIDB all agreed

KS to talk to EI

6. Pickedmoor Lane development proposal

The draft response by DG is in hand. In addition to issues on transport and infrastructure a request that the report should be up-dated should be included.

DG to draft response

7. Appointment of flood warden

KS has asked Alan Taylor who declined. Andy McGraph has been approached but has not yet given a decision.

Post meeting note. Andy has now agreed to do this.

8. Old Stores

It was reported that on Sunday (19th), the police visited the village and said that a complaint has been received from a local resident regarding the current clearing of land at the Old Stores. This was about the disturbance of badgers and sloe worms on the site, both of which are protected species. It was agreed that KS would contact the executors, who are dealing with the clearing and show support, as it is in the best interest of the village to have the site improved.

KS to contact "executors"

9. Aust to Severnside flood defence application

The exact reasoning for this application at this time is unclear but it is evident that this will enable expansion of industry and possibly housing and therefore jobs. There is no comparable intention at present for Aust to Sharpness. It seems they are waiting for the NNB. However, AC pointed out that this might not happen for up to a decade. It was decided to add this item to the October meeting agenda when MR will be present.

EP to add to Oct agenda

10. Allowable responses to planning applications

David Hill has rung KS to talk about the PC response to his application for the Methodist Chapel. He seemed to think that the PC response (Oldbury on Severn Parish Council has no objection to this development, but wishes to raise the following points for consideration by the developer and planning officers) was not particularly supportive of his application. KS had said that this was supportive as there was no objection. However, KS felt that the PC generally were supportive of this application and why therefore could we not say so? (As indeed did many parishioners.)

KS would like to consider why the OPC never say “support” in its responses. He felt that we had been guided in this direction for some time and was not sure why. The Clerk had sought advice from SLCC and produced a paper outlining her findings.

After discussion, it was decided to continue saying “no objection” and not to say OPC supports any particular planning application.

11. A L C A

The AGM will take place at Coalpit Heath on Monday 3rd September 2018. As the new SGC planning process is on the agenda it is important that we are present

DG will attend.

12. SGC Strategic Flood Risk Assessment – Level 2 2011

KS read out various relevant sections of this document and they were discussed. It was disappointing to note that SGC are working from this assessment which was produced in 2011, considering the changes that have taken place in the meantime with more changes are planned for the future. To be included in discussions with MP see 4 above.

13. A.O.B

No other business was raised.

14. Meeting closure & date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 3.55pm.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 16th October 2018 at 2.00pm in the Memorial Hall.