



Oldbury on Severn Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Flooding Committee Held on Tuesday 20th June 2017 at 2:00pm At the Memorial Hall

1. Present

Keith Sullivan, Dylan Griffiths, John Cornock, Glynn Poole, Barry Turner, Jimmy Nichols
Clerk: Emma Pattullo

2. Apologies

Alan Coles, Matthew Riddle

3. Purpose of this Committee

Flooding and related planning issues have previously been dealt with through ad hoc meetings. This committee will regularise the way in which such issues are dealt with by the PC. The committee will focus on large-scale planning applications and planning policy issues. There will be some overlap with the Neighbourhood Plan process.

4. Appointment of Chair

KS agreed to chair for the committee at first but would prefer someone else to do so in the long term.

5. Preferred times and dates for future meetings

It was agreed that this committee should meet bimonthly, unless additional meetings are requested by the PC to address specific issues. This is subject to review. It was agreed that Tuesday afternoons at 2pm are a suitable time.

Action: Clerk to book hall for future meetings to end of 2017.

6. Flooding Issues

6.1 Consideration of Oldbury on Severn Flood Report by SGC, May 2017

The committee reviewed the recent SGC report, including comparison with the previous draft issued in Dec 2016. A number of questions and comments were raised. These are detailed in the table below.

6.2 Questions raised

Page ref.	Detail	Question/comment
2	Footnote comment re: funding from Local Levy	SGC have provided £10k and EA has provided £30k to investigate flooding issues in Oldbury. How much was spent on the Section 19 report? Is the Local Levy additional money or part of the £40k?

2	Section 1: Introduction	Where is the 'wider area study' and who is undertaking it?
2	Section 1: Introduction	Why is this not a comprehensive study?
2	Section 1: Introduction	What was the previous work – who did this and when?
5	Second paragraph	Given area for Thornbury as 8% of catchment seems low – this would only be 2.4km ² . This also doesn't address that Thornbury represents a large %age of the hard standing within the catchment.
5	Third paragraph	Why is the assumed flow rate lower than in the Dec report?
8	Figures 6 & 7	PC would like some explanation of what these figures represent.
10	Section 2.5 first paragraph	Flooding event was in October not November 2000.
10	Section 2.5 first paragraph	Where was the overtopping from – was this fluvial not tidal?
11	Section 3.2 third paragraph	PC are concerned about the memoranda of understanding; further discussion needed.
12	Section 3.5 second paragraph	Why were AOD levels changed from the Dec version?
14	Figures 11 & 12	Further explanation would be appreciated.
18	Section 4 point 1	PC have already supplied this data.
18	Section 4, point commencing "Work with LSIDB..."	Hill Pill needs work. This has previously been suggested to the Environment Agency.

Action: KS/EP to finalise list of questions and forward to SGC

6.3 Review of actions from previous meeting with SGC

At the meeting held on 8th March with SGC team including Stella Davies, the Consultant, LSIDB and the EA an action plan was produced. KS received an update from Mark Parry in May. KS has requested a further update from Stella but no has yet been received. The current progress of these actions was reviewed. There are no outstanding actions on the PC.

At that meeting, the issue of pumped drainage was discussed. JN agreed to provide figures from the IDB giving an indication of costs including civil engineering works, ongoing costs and the cost/feasibility of dredging the Pill.

Action: JN to ask LSIDB to provide this information.

Post meeting note: JN has prompted James Thomas to supply the requested information which was forwarded to KS on 21st June. James Thomas indicated that mobile pumps rated at 1m³/second would

cost around £200k to purchase with running costs of around £100/hour. A purpose built pumping station would be more effective but is unlikely to happen given current policy and spending constraints. JT also detailed increases to storage capacity in the catchment since 2000. JT's response has been circulated to the group.

6.4 Next Steps

A further meeting with SGC will be requested to follow up the questions raised above.

7. Planning Issues

(This request is not related to the actions referred to above.) SGC have requested information on significant flooding events since 1st January 2011, to inform their Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment. This is being carried out under SGC's responsibilities as Lead Local Flood Authority and is intended to determine local sources of flood risk primarily from surface water run-off, groundwater and ordinary watercourses. GP agreed to collate any relevant data and forward to SGC.

Action: GP to send data to SGC

SGC are currently carrying out a consultation on modifications to the Policies, Sites and Places (PSP) plan. The main modifications were reviewed and two were thought relevant to Oldbury: MM16/PSP20 (drainage) and MM28/PSP46 (nuclear new build). KS and DG agreed to look at these in more detail and prepare a response.

Action: KS & DG to prepare response

8. A.O.B.

In order to prevent confusion with the Playing Fields Committee, it was agreed that the name of this committee should be changed to "Flooding and Planning Committee".

9. Date and time of next meeting

Provisional dates for the rest of this year are:

15th August

17th October

12th December

All at 2pm.

Dates will be confirmed once the hall booking is finalised.