



# Oldbury on Severn Parish Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of the Flooding and Planning Committee Held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 9:30am At the Memorial Hall

**Present:** Barry Turner (Stand-in Chair), Dylan Griffiths, John Cornock, Matthew Riddle, Andrew McGrath, Alan Coles

**Clerk:** Emma Pattullo

### 1. Apologies

Keith Sullivan, Glynn Poole, Jimmy Nicholls

### 2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August were proposed by DG, seconded by BT and agreed by all as an accurate record.

The committee recorded thanks to Tess Sullivan for stepping in at short notice to take the minutes of that meeting.

### 3. Review of actions not otherwise on this agenda

*DG to draft response to Pickedmoor Lane development proposal:* this is still in progress. It was agreed that the response should be sent to the potential developer (Barnwood) and copied to Patrick Conroy (Strategic Planning, SGC).

*Grass cutting:* Matt Clothier arranged for grass cutting to be done. Thanks were recorded to Matt and to Richard Cornock for carrying out the work.

### 4. Flood warden role

AMcG was welcomed to the committee and thanked for taking on the role of Flood Warden.

AMcG has held discussions with KS about the role. KS sees it as a monitoring role; AMcG would like to be more proactive. He suggested action to map the various drainage assets around the village and document responsibilities, areas of heightened risk, vulnerable residents etc. It was agreed this would be useful.

Access to data from the water level monitoring equipment would also be useful. MR will investigate whether this would be possible.

**Action: MR to find out whether access to water level monitoring data is possible**

### 5. Environment Agency flood action campaign

The EA have contacted the PC asking for help in promoting their annual flood awareness campaign. The key target this year is the 18-34 age group. The campaign will be run during a week in winter when

flooding is expected to be in the news. Promotional material, including posters and articles for newsletters, is available via the EA website.

It was agreed that although our potential reach is limited, posters could be put up and possibly an article in 4Ward if timing coincides.

## 6. SGC – Church Hill works updates

KS has been trying to organise a meeting with Mark Parry (SGC) to get more details on proposed works. Unfortunately due to holidays & illness this has not yet been possible.

BT agreed to take over discussions with Mark Parry until KS is available.

**Action: BT to contact MP**

## 7. LSIDB – flap maintenance – exchange of letters

LSIDB confirmed their position in early September, i.e. that they do not accept any responsibility for maintenance of flaps but reserve the right to carry out works as they see fit. KS has followed this up with further discussions with the solicitor, Emma Ironside, but the conclusion is that the matter has been pursued as far as possible without significant cost implications.

## 8. Thornbury major developments

### 8.1 Appeal delay until 2019:PT17/2006/O Land South of Gloucester Road

The committee noted that the appeal on this application has now been delayed until next year.

### 8.2 New application:

PT18/3756/O	Land At Crossways Morton Way Thornbury	Erection of 150 no. dwellings up to 0.5 ha of B1 employment (Outline) with access to be determined. All other matters reserved
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This application is for an area outside the settlement boundary. The EA and LLFA have both submitted objections.

Although the site is further away from Oldbury than other recent developments, the receiving catchment would still be the Pickedmoor Brook.

The Clerk was asked to draft a response, supporting the EA and LLFA objections and noting the potential for increased pressure on infrastructure and services.

**Action: Clerk to draft response  
and circulate for comment  
before submitting to SGC.**

## 9. Monitoring of SUDS systems in large developments

This issue has recently been highlighted via an article on the 'Planning Portal' website. Nationally, there is little consistency in requirements for ongoing monitoring of SUDS features. SGC do not seem to emphasise the need for lifetime maintenance via planning conditions, as is done in some other areas such as Buckinghamshire. MR has asked for a note from SGC officers summarising how they address

this issue both before, during and after developments. There has been some local enforcement, e.g. against a developer in Emersons Green who was required to desilt ponds in that area.

Discussion was held about whether this issue could be covered in the new Local Plan. MR suggested that a letter should be sent to Patrick Conroy, raising concerns about this and asking when the next opportunity to comment on the Local Plan would be.

**Action: Clerk to draft letter and work with BT to finalise.**

#### **10. Aust to Severnside flood defence works**

MR presented correspondence from Colin Taylor (Environment Agency) which confirmed this committee's understanding that this area is not in line for flood defence improvements in the near future. The coastline here is at a more consistent level than the Aust to Avonmouth stretch and is not subject to the same wind/wave conditions, therefore the risk of significant overtopping is deemed lower. Whilst no major works are planned in the near future, it is acknowledged that in the long term there will be a need for an increase in these defences.

#### **11. Any other minor matters or items for next agenda**

BT had circulated an article detailing Environment Agency testing of floating pumps. JN believes these may be suitable for use in a tide-locked fluvial flood scenario. Item to be added to next agenda.

#### **12. Meeting closure**

A discussion was held as to whether this committee should be rescheduled from its usual Tuesday PM slot. It was agreed that Wednesday AM is generally suitable and that the meeting should move to the third Wednesday of alternate months at 9:30am, subject to hall availability.

**Action: Clerk to arrange hall booking.**

The meeting closed at 10:35am.

The next meeting will be held (subject to confirmation of hall availability) on **Weds 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 9:30am** in the Memorial Hall.