

## "North Cave Catchment" Virtual Meeting

Date: 3 April 2020  
Time: 09:30 - 12:00  
Place: Zoom Virtual

### NOTES OF MEETING

#### 1 Introductions

- 1.1 Introductions: Amanda Foster (EA); Mike Kitching (ERYC); Gary Collins (YW) (for part of meeting); Bill Blackledge (2B); Jackie North (NCPC); Bob Munby (SCPC); Victoria Aitken (ERYC Cllr)
- 1.2 The meeting was recorded.
- 1.3 All were happy with proposed agenda.

#### 2 Proposed Structure of 'partnership'

- 2.1 Suggested that project should work within **Hull + East Riding Catchment Partnership** - which was set up by DEFRA: hosted by YWT, includes ERYC, HullICC, Hull Uni, EA, YW, IDBs, and East Riding Rivers Trust. Aim of **H+ERCP** is to improve water environment, working with natural processes.
  - 2.1.1 This project would be a local 'working group' or sub-group of H+ERCP, focussed on specific aims. Being part of H+ERCP potentially unlocks funding and helps ensure trust in delivery. All agreed that this would be a sensible arrangement.
- 2.2 The possible catchment or study area was reviewed:
  - As well as the local catchments outside the main watercourses, rivers enter North Cave from Drewton to the east, North Newbald to the north-east and Horton Moor near Sancton to the north.
  - South Cave has similar issues with water from the Wolds to the east, and Elleker receives water from the Wolds around Brantingham. Water from South Cave does not enter Elleker but can prevent Elleker Beck draining freely.
  - All of the above have a confluence south of Elleker, before draining into the Humber at Brough Haven.
- 2.3 Agreed that the area can be described as 'West Wolds' and that the name would make sense to most people. Under the Water Framework Directive the catchment is known as 'Mill Beck and tributaries'.
- 2.4 'Slow the Flow' was agreed as working name. Not just flood risk reduction but also biodiversity, low-carbon, well-being - multiple benefits etc, using natural processes.
- 2.5 No specific action required for WWSTF to be 'legitimate'. BB likely to become a partner member of H+ERCP. Meeting potentially happening in next 2 weeks. Thereafter, project aims will be put forward for discussion and agreement within H+ERCP.
- 2.6 Possible funding sources:
  - Water Environment Improvement Fund (under Water Framework Directive) - project should benefit water quality, e.g. reconnect flood plains, sediment control.
  - EA Flood Risk Management
  - Natural England - landowners - countryside stewardship. New ELMS
  - Local Levy, LGF
  - ERYC Flood risk - investigation/survey work

- Northern Forest - HEYwoods (e.g. wet woodland) - possible aggregates, landfill and renewable funding.
- Humber 2100 was discussed but is not likely to extend up tributaries
- YW Biodiversity Enhancement Programme - mainly conservation work
- YW - issues of overloaded sewer network, addressing wider issues, based on hierarchy, with internal (property) flooding at top. Potentially £200k/property. New performance commitments in next AMP (Asset Management Plan) period - remove surface water from sewer network, e.g. water butts, SuDS, highway drainage. Water Company penalties are significant (e.g. £100m) but could be balanced by rewards for surface water removal from sewers. (This could be major element in addressing FinkleSt/Blanshard Lane in NCave, and similar in NNewbald, SCave and Elleker).
- Living with Water - may be rolled out beyond Hull, subject to resources.
- There is great potential for multi-agency approach focussed on addressing locally identified issues.

2.7 WWSTF needs to define potential projects in order to establish suitable sources of funding - but that process itself needs to be supported.

### 3 Actions

#### 3.1 Discussion points:

- **WWSTF** must include agencies, landowners (critically), residents, and have regular meetings.
- **Drewton Beck:** side discussion of Royal Haskoning report 2008 proposing major intervention on Drewton Beck south-east of Church Street (£6m), contrasted with possibility of many small-scale interventions along Drewton, Hotham Becks etc which would likely be lower cost and less agricultural impact.
- **South Cave:** noted that there is a flood alleviation report for SCave but this has not been shared with the community. The existing 9" pipe under A63 holds back flood water in SCave. There was a crossing for a water main which could be used for drainage.
- Agreed that **despite CV19**, we need to find virtual and actual ways to progress this agenda with as much done virtually as possible plus considered risk assessment and management for essential site meetings.
- **Publicity** / wider engagement / website? All agreed on need for publicity and noted it is important and beneficial for agencies to be seen to be active.

#### 3.2 Identify priorities based on:

- regularity and severity of flooding
- achievability of mitigation
- cost / funding
- ERYC S19 Report (Flood and Water Management Act) - cause of flooding and possible mitigation. Kerry (ERYC) working on November flooding, Feb flooding (Scaith/ Cowick) is a separate Report. WWSTF will need to align to S19 report for area.

#### 3.3 Set timescales for action based on:

- short/long term
- liaison within partnership
- design
- landowner agreements
- funding
- planning / other approvals: land drainage from ERYC if riparian, or OHDB if their area. EA for main rivers, also EA Fisheries/Biodiversity team.
- YW approvals for any sewer.
- implementation
- any quick wins?

### 3.4 Approach to developing proposals

- Create shared spreadsheet / Google Map of issues/sites/actions, agree with partners
- For each, estimate cost, assess against funds, assign priority and programme
- Establish if any are already within (ERYC/EA/YW/IDB) work programmes, if so confirm timescales
- If not, i.e. new sites:
  - (virtual) design workshops with agencies, landowners, residents
  - produce drawings reflecting design proposals and put out for consultation
  - establish whether planning/other approvals are required, produce and submit
  - who can implement works? - landowners, highways, contractors, community?

### 3.5 How to action/fund above?

- There are no large pots of funding but there may be several sources which could pay for 'seed funding' for items at 3.4
- MK mentioned Yor4good fund
- BB to look into setting up a Community Interest Company (CIC) as possible means of getting initial work done.

## 4 Any Other Business

- 4.1 Any quick wins e.g. cleaning of ditches, should be identified, especially where part of normal processes.
- 4.2 Inform residents of proposed WWSTF actions, including what they can do for themselves and what they can contribute by way of local knowledge.
- 4.3 There is a general lack of understanding of obligations by riparian land owners. ERYC fed into the Feb 2020 SCPC newsletter on the subject of riparian ownership.
- 4.4 All parties to bring their activities to the meeting so that they can be communicated to local residents - e.g. ERYC surveys and proposals.
- 4.5 Covid19 lockdown is interrupting planned actions on site e.g. at Everthorpe, especially as regards obtaining materials.

## 5 Next Steps / Next Meeting?

- 5.1 H+ER Catchment Partnership meeting outcomes awaited.
- 5.2 Next WWSTF meeting in a month - BB to send Doodle Poll.
- 5.3 Need to encourage Elleker and Newbald to be involved in next meeting.
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