

# Notes of West Wolds Slow the Flow Meeting

Date: 6 May 2020  
Time: 14:00 - 15:15  
Place: MS Teams Virtual

## 1 Present

1.1 Amanda Foster; Dean Hamblin; Becky Preston (EA); Mike Kitching (ERYC); Bob Munby (South Cave PC); Claire Wood (Elleker PC); Beccy O'sullivan (Newbald PC); Victoria Aitken (ERYC Cllr) Bill+Elizabeth Blackledge(2B); Jackie North.

## 2 Hull + East Riding Catchment Partnership (HERCP) – status of West Wolds Slow the Flow

- 2.1 HERCP is happy with the concept of WWSTF as a sub-group within overall catchment plan, which potentially makes partnership funds available to the project. There have been some delays in discussion due to furloughing of some staff.
- 2.2 HERCP is seeking best practice examples to show how the relationship could work, for example 'Dales to Vales' in North Yorkshire (<http://dvrn.co.uk>), but details need to be ironed out. Proposed meeting to be held between AF, WB and Jon Traill, the CP host.
- 2.3 CW asked whether HERCP priorities are listed somewhere. AF sent link post-meeting:  
<https://catchmentbasedapproach.org/get-involved/hull-east-riding/>
- 2.4 AF noted that the Catchment Plan is due to be updated, so WWSTF involvement is timely.

## 3 Brantingham Parish

- 3.1 Further to prior email from BB showing location of Brantingham Parish, the principle of including Brantingham in WWSTF was discussed. CW said it would be essential, with damaged pipes in Brantingham having caused issues in Ellerker. MK agreed that the catchment is relevant. All agreed that this would be appropriate. CW to contact Brantingham PC.
- 3.2 VA noted that there is ERYC/YW work activity which needs to be coordinated, MK to follow up.

## 4 GIS data request progress

- 4.1 LiDAR terrain - it seems likely that what is available for download via open Data is all that exists (e.g. no coverage north of Hotham). Will hopefully get OS Terrain 5 from ERYC to cover what is not covered by LiDAR. MK to follow up OS Terrain 5 with ERYC.
- 4.2 ERYC to supply MasterMap for property-level mapping. ERYC being helpful under OS sub-contractor arrangement.
- 4.3 AF followed up post-meeting with 'water bodies', which break Mill Beck into three catchments: 4 (N+S Newbald), 3 (N Cave to High Humsley Area), 2 (Ellerker Area - which includes South Cave). To be shared via online mapping (see item 5).

- 4.4 Post meeting note. IDB data has been made available by Andrew McLachlan through download link on IDB website.

## 5 Progress on possible interventions – 1st draft Google Map / spreadsheet

- 5.1 BB screen-shared:
- draft spreadsheet (work-in-progress) listing Parishes with potential sites and various data fields.
  - Google Map (work-in-progress) showing some of the spreadsheet data processed through GIS software. Post-meeting a better version was shared with site photos in the pop-up dialogues:
  - <https://www.2bconsultancy.co.uk/mapping/WestWoldsSTF/WestWoldsSTF.htm>
- 5.2 Stakeholders could contribute suggestions and locations to develop the data and mapping. Could have 'issues' and 'projects' layers. Each pop-up could carry a hyperlink to a web-page or a PDF carrying further details.
- 5.3 CW pointed out that parishes may be able to identify issues but would not necessarily know how to resolve them. CW also asked how would items be prioritised and actioned - who takes responsibility for seeing it through?.
- 5.4 As previously suggested, design workshops (EA/ERYC/YW + BB (or others) + locals and landowners) would try to determine design solutions. The idea was formed before Covid-19 restrictions, but it would be possible to make progress through digital communications and careful site work including social distancing.
- 5.5 At worst, could start with flagging up all issues, referring to factors such as:
- Elements - earth works, hard works, planting;
  - Severity of impact - e.g. internal, property;
  - Potential Cost - high / med / low;
  - Achievability - major / moderate / minor project (complexity and scale);
  - Opportunity - high / med / low - based on types and likelihood of funding;
  - Noted also that interventions higher up the catchment will benefit all affected areas downstream;
  - looking for quick wins where possible.
- 5.6 Responsibility should be shared collectively throughout the partnership, not just by any single agency.
- 5.7 BB to check that everyone has access to previous notes which set out the above approach.
- 5.8 Briefly touched on role of water companies through the Asset Management Plan (AMP) 5 year period, with penalties and benefits applied in relation to internal property flooding. YW have a very important role to play and significant finance to apply to resolving these issues.

## 6 Progress on relevant site works

- 6.1 Everthorpe High Road and Nordham works postponed due to furlough or work restrictions.
- 6.2 ERYC has looked upstream at Elleker and planned to look downstream, but was called off at the end of March. Ed has done a lot of review work at Newbald, Nordham. South Cave review postponed. VA noted that as distancing eases and practical measures are applied, it will be possible to get out to site. Also that OH-IDB are now fully active through application of appropriate measures.
- 6.3 BB noted that we have currently a good opportunity to be doing desktop-based planning, with the benefit of local knowledge, so not too restrictive to progress.

## 7 Any Other Business

- 7.1 Mapping to follow. We will seek contributions from all of the PCs as to where issues exist. This could be supplied by anyone using Google Earth to draw points or areas, which can then be sent to BB for inclusion in the map.
- 7.2 Sancton PC was considered for inclusion but there is only a small overlap between SPC area and Mill Beck 4 (S+N Newbald) catchment area (1200ha of Houghton Moor). Would be neighbourly to inform them when plans further progressed.
- 7.3 Some debate over the name, as 'West Wolds' is taken to describe the area around Pocklington / Market Weighton in the ERYC Landscape Character Assessment. But 'South-West Wolds Slow the Flow' is a little unwieldy, so we will stay with WWSTF for now. VA said that if WWSTF proved to be a successful model it might be rolled out to other areas.
- 7.4 JN said that NC Parish Councillors were keen to be involved and she was keen to represent the PC, so it was hoped that temporary difficulties could be overcome.
- 7.5 BB said it felt that progress was slow, partly due to Covid-19 restrictions, but VA said in her view that progress was good, with strong foundations being established. CW suggested that it might be appropriate to involve Cllr Richard Merideth. VA happy to involve him if he has time.
- 7.6 Noted that IDB have not been able to attend meetings to date. VA said that Andrew McLachlan's knowledge would be very useful and if we have specific issues, he would be likely to respond helpfully.
- 7.7 AF noted a new fund for innovative approaches inc NFM, carbon sequestration. If EA successful, there may be funding available for projects. Other funding sources were noted, including £m's for tree planting as part of the Northern Forest, which may be appropriate to the upper catchment areas. Example of Slow the Flow Calderdale - four years old, now attracting funding, landowners, awards and people with relevant experience to help.

## 8 Actions

- 8.1 **AF** to contact Jon Traill to arrange meeting with him and BB (ref 2.2).
- 8.2 **CW** to contact Brantingham PC to request their involvement (ref 3.1).
- 8.3 **MK** to follow up coordination of work activity in Brantingham/Elleker area (ref 3.2).
- 8.4 **MK** to check if OS Terrain 5 is included within the ERYC data request. ERYC to provide MasterMap data (ref 4.1 ).
- 8.5 **BB** to check that everyone has access to previous notes (ref 5.7).
- 8.6 **BB** to develop better mapping and supply instructions on how to contribute mapping data (ref 7.1)
- 8.7 **BB/JN** to attempt to resolve formal representation of NCPC (ref 7.4)
- 8.8 Need a location to set out our aims and approach - website to follow!
- 8.9 **BB** to check Gary Collins availability for next meeting.

## 9 Date of Next Meeting

- 9.1 Proposed Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm, subject to Gary Collins' availability