

Notes of Meeting

Date: 4 June 2020
Time: 14:00 - 16:00
Place: MS Teams Virtual

1 Present

- 1.1 Amanda Foster, Becky Preston (EA); Mike Kitching (ERYC); Bob Munby (South Cave PC); Claire Wood (Ellerker PC); Richard Powell (Brantingham PC); Victoria Aitken, Richard Meredith (ERYC Cllrs); Bill+Elizabeth Blackledge (2B); Jackie North.
- 1.2 Beccy O'sullivan (Newbald PC) sent apologies due to an appointment.
- 1.3 Noted that North Cave PC had been unable to formally confirm Cllr J North as the representative to WWSTF. Limited contact with Hotham PC, currently waiting for call back from Chair.
- 1.4 Noted that Yorkshire Water was not represented at this and the previous meeting. Bill to check the Gary Collins is available for the next meeting.

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

- 2.1 Bill and Amanda had a constructive meeting with Jon Traill (Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and host for HERCP). Jon will approach HERCP partners to confirm affiliated position of WWSTF as sub-group of HERCP, with answer before end of June - to be reported at next WWSTF meeting.

3 Brantingham Parish Council

- 3.1 Cllr Powell was welcomed from Brantingham PC, and introduced to other attendees. Cllr Powell noted that flooding to date had not been serious in Brantingham but acknowledged the link with Ellerker. There was discussion around Brantingham pond needing some flow from the beck in future - to be added as a project.

4 GIS data request progress

- 4.1 ERYC has been helpful with OS sub-contractor arrangement, supplying 1:25k raster for overview mapping, MasterMap for property-level mapping, and OS waterways data which provides useful information about the waterway characteristics. Bill thanked ERYC for helpful attitude.

5 Development of WWSTF

- 5.1 Access to previous meeting etc notes: BB confirmed that they would be available through WWSTF website (post-meeting note - now available at www.westwoldsslowtheflow.org.uk/timeline.htm)

- 5.2 Bill reported that new domain had been purchased and website newly set up - very much a work in progress. BB screen-shared the site and went through its proposed structure (post-meeting note - draft pages are now in place for Homepage, Mapping, Timeline and Links. Blog and Documents pages to follow.) www.westwoldsslowtheflow.org.uk
- 5.3 Amanda asked if project proposals from ERYC and EA were to be featured on the map. Answer - very much so, to be an effective partnership.
- 5.4 Cllr Meredith noted upcoming Local Plan review and the opportunity to have flood mitigation better integrated into policy.
- 5.5 Bill took the meeting through a mind-map (attached to these notes) setting out the proposed approach to developing WWSTF. This comprises:
- Setting up the website as the core of an online presence;
 - Developing the GIS and mapping data to better understand and communicate the catchments;
 - Liaison with landowners/farmers/residents and agencies to develop NFM strategies which would be mapped and shared.
 - Wider engagement projects
 - Delivery through prioritisation of projects, obtaining permits/approvals, working with partners on delivery either by or with them
 - Review, Assess, Modify, Repeat
- 5.6 Bill stated that an 'Issues' layer would be an important addition to the mapping, to explain the drivers for action generally and some of the specific project responses. Also vitally important to engage with landowners and farmers at an early stage in development of proposals. There may be possible future funding 'for the public good' for landowners and for maintaining sites e.g. Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMS).
- 5.7 Amanda noted that the 'Slow the Flow' approach enables alignment with multiple sources of funding, including environmental, as opposed to being focussed on flooding alone.
- 5.8 Attendees were asked whether they would add or alter anything but everyone agreed that this was a suitable way forward. All were happy with approach in general. Cllr Meredith pointed out the need to consider archaeology in respect of any earthworks, both for permitting, but also possibly for funding. Amanda noted that projects like Chalkshire has also engaged with heritage and will look for multiple benefits e.g. information boards, public amenity etc.
- 5.9 Cllr North proposed a residents' meeting, noting the difficulties under Covid-19. Bill stated that we needed to go through the process of establishing WWSTF and its working relationships, but agreed we will soon need to engage with a wider audience. Cllr Aitken noted greater public participation in ERYC meetings as a result of them being online. Also that many of the Zoom issues have now been resolved, but all agreed that it would need careful management. Hopefully ERYC could advise on safe practice.
- 5.10 Cllr Aitken noted that this would be a great deal of work and felt that funding should be found if possible. Bill said that whilst some setting up could be done on a voluntary basis, much of the design and mapping is essentially professional work. Given the scale of the task, it would only be practical on a paid-for basis. It is possible that a not-for-profit approach would be appropriate. Cllr Aitken wondered whether funding similar to paying a

consultant for Neighbourhood Planning might be available. Mike thought it more likely that a funding application would be required.

- 5.11 PCllrs Wood & Powell noted that parish councils have very little by way of spare funds. Bill confirmed that he had not considered parish councils as likely funders of this work.

6 Agency site works

- 6.1 ERYC imminently doing work at Everthorpe High Road and Finkle Street.
- 6.2 It was requested that, for all future meetings, the agencies report on all relevant activities (planned works and site works, as opposed to minor maintenance) which would be of interest to the group. It is important that WWSTF is informed to maintain the partnership approach and allow us to liaise with locals but, in addition, WWSTF may have useful comments as a partnership.
- 6.3 Cllr Meredith offered that he and Cllr Aitken could act as hub for information from ERYC on proposals and site works.

7 Any Other Business

- 7.1 Vegetation clearance had been reported (shortly before the meeting, on social media) to North Cave Beck, between Townend Lane and Blanshards Lane. EA vehicles/workware had been identified. Amanda to take up matter with EA maintenance teams. Noted that it was in sensitive locations, in the nesting season (possible breach of Wildlife and Countryside Act) and had resulted in bare soil on the bank sides, which could lead to erosion and sediment release.
- 7.2 Amanda pointed out that any concerns can be reported on the EA hotline 0800 807060. Request a report on result of inquiry in order to receive a response from the investigating officer.

8 Actions

- 8.1 **ERYC / EA / YW (IDB?)** to confirm future or imminent planning or site works in respect of flood or water management within Mill Beck Catchment (at each meeting).
- 8.2 **HERCP** to report back on position with WWSTF.
- 8.3 **BB** circulate draft of WWSTF aims for approval by group.
- 8.4 **BB** Website/Mapping under development.
- 8.5 **BB** to check Gary Collins availability for next meeting.

9 Date of Next Meeting

- 9.1 Proposed Wednesday 8th June, 2:30pm, subject to Gary Collins' availability.

WWSTF Funded activities V1 - 2020-06-03

Planning

WWSTF website as core of engagement / information

Create website pages

Purchase / Register domain

link to hosting

Home

Aims, Partners

Mapping

Google Maps API registered for new domain - possible cost in future subject to level of use of mapping

develop Google Map / spreadsheet

Switchable Layers

- watercourses
- parishes
- catchments
- IDB boundary - any other data?
- Issues (Flood events)
- Projects (Flood Mitigation)

Spreadsheet

- Elements - earth works, hardworks, planting
- Severity of impact - e.g. internal, property
- Potl Cost - high / med / low
- Achievability - major / moderate / minor project - complexity - scale
- Opportunity - high / med / low
- likelihood funding

Add links to PDFs

- Set up Project Data Sheet template
 - Ref, Name, Location
 - Location plan
 - Photo/s
 - Site proposals plan
- set up samples

Timeline

- floodings events
- meetings (with links to notes)

Blog / Forum for communications? (Cost item)

Documents store/share

strategy or meeting notes

Project list XLS

list Project Data Sheets

Links

Partners, relevant articles, STF

Contact

Extend 2B blog on submitting data via GE to include polygons, not just points, send link to contributors

Agree WWSTF scope and aims

what is our 'Slow the Flow' message?

relate to HERCP (driven by water quality, but have flood benefits)

- Promoting and developing sustainable drainage systems, including community engagement
- Restoring habitats and links to natural river processes
- Tackling diffuse pollution from urban and agricultural sources

GIS

Map out sub-catchments and main watercourse connections across Mill Beck - coloured to show main sections and explain relationships e.g. Everthorpe to South Cave. Add layer to website map.

Liaison/Project Development

£ Liaise with landowners - Liaise with each PC/area - virtual conference / shared mapping / site visits

£ possible public meetings in future, or virtual meetings if not - Social Media activity

£ Develop NFM / other strategies (Resilience) with Agencies / Landowners / Residents

£ Map and share

Engagement projects

- Citizen Rainfall gauges
 - data pooling and graphing
 - compare to flooding events
 - early warning systems
- Flow assessments
- School projects (all local primaries and secondaries)
- Hull / Leeds / York / Sheffield University?

Delivery

£ Create prioritised project listings, review funding or community activities.

£ Obtain permits / approvals - e.g. Planning, Highway, EA watercourse

£ Work with partners on delivery by or with them.

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