

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 06 January 2021
Time: 10:30 -12:02
Place: Zoom Virtual

Actions

1 Present

Victoria Aitken (ERYC Ward Cllr)
Bill+Elizabeth Blackledge (2B)
Amanda Foster (EA)
Mike Kitching (ERYC FloodRisk)
Richard Meredith (ERYC Ward Cllr)
Bob Munby (South Cave PC)

Jackie North (North Cave PC)
Becky O'Sullivan, (Newbald PC)
Richard Powell (Brantingham PC)
Seraya Sigsworth (Yorkshire Water)
Suzanne Smith (Clerk, Newbald PC)
Claire Wood (Ellerker PC)

2 Apologies

Becky Preston (EA)

3 Next Meeting Date

Thursday 11 March, 10am

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These have still to be written up.

5 WWSTF Position Statement

BB introduced the Draft Position Statement and drew attention to the different sections and layout.

Logos with links to web sites have been created for:

- Each Parish Council
- EA
- It was noted that Ouse and Humber Drainage Board links to Yorkshire/Humber Drainage - this can be modified to go direct to the drainage board

Confirmed that the Statement needs to be kept within the group for the present until the group is happy - BB asked for comments to be sent though as soon as possible to allow the draft to be updated and then shared more widely.

BB drew attention to the changes that are still needed:

- Front cover to an aerial view and then use the mapping to explain better what is.
- Case studies, which can be treated separately on the website and can be updated as new ones are developed. The case studies can also be linked to the map on the website.
- A concluding paragraph and a further information statement.

Suggested additions for a potential "How Much" page.

- **Statistical Information:** such as the YW Call-out data for the various Parishes - SS drew attention to the fact that YW have had to attend 164 sewage-related incidents in Newbald in the past 5 years. SS(YW) confirmed that she could get this information but would need to make sure that the incidents did not include issues that are nothing to do with flooding. SS agreed to send a copy of the reference FOI request to help SS(YW) narrow the search.

ALL/
BB

SS(YW)

- Information from S19 Reports to draw out some data such as number of flood events, frequency of road closures and other statistical information. MK to review and report back. **MK**
- Collation of information relating to serious flood events over the past 20 years. Section 19 reports only go back to 2010, MK agreed to check the Land Drainage archives to see what is available and check what the exact reasoning is behind initiating a S19 report, however going further back might be more of a problem. AF agreed to ask the EA Flood Resilience Team. **MK / AF**
- **Illustrations** of the scale of the problem - it was agreed that whilst the information is available through EA mapping etc. and the insurance companies all know where the problems are, sensitivity could be used in the choice of illustrations. It was agreed that all the Parishes would send through photos, which can then become a resource. **ALL**

It was noted that the Position Statement is a living digital document and can be updated at any time and re-saved with a revised date and version.

6 Zoom 'public meetings'

The intention to move towards public meetings was discussed. It was agreed that these would be under the banner of WWSTF and would be held in each individual Parish to talk about the Parish specific issues. WWSTF would meet with the individual Parish Councils to understand and agree the main issues that would be then taken to a second public meeting at which residents would be asked to share their knowledge and experience. These individual meetings would also be an opportunity to explain the wider aspirations of WWSTF and how the issues are connected to issues in other parishes.

The process will need to be managed to prevent unwelcome interventions by asking people to register interest and receive a link. 2B can host on Zoom - licence can allow for 100 participants.

Notices of Meetings to be in Parish magazines and on social media. BB asked each PC to suggest suitable meeting dates. **ALL**

7 EA Update

AF reported that they have not received any information regarding availability of revenue funding under the Medium Term Plan. She drew attention to the EA's notice of intention to install a level gauge on the stream in South Cave, near Trinity Fold.

8 Potential Project: Citizen Science Rain Monitoring System

The comment about the river gauge report reminded BB of an idea to have a network of community rain gauges, in particular, which could feed into a central website or perhaps something set up by the University, to give a sense of rainfall across the region - potentially as a flood warning system but also a measurement device to learn about the way different rain events impact on the system. It was noted that these instruments need to be set up correctly.

It was agreed that this could be explored in the future and would feed into work with schools and the educational strand of any funding bid. BB will make contact with the University to find out how they are progressing. The benefits of monitoring weather in the school curriculum was noted. **BB**

9 YWS Update

SS(YW) reported that she was expecting to have a catch up meeting with the consultants on Friday and after that she would hope to be able to report back on the position. In the meantime she will check into the historic flooding information. BB reminded SS(YW) that

there is a longstanding question he had made to Garry regarding the relief pipe that has been put in at Finkle Street. Section 19 Report - Sewer Report - ERYC has this mapping, would this be a reasonable request for WWSTF have information regarding the sewer network in the villages. PDFs of each system in the villages so that there is knowledge of what the assets are in. SS(YW) said that she would find out what it was possible to share.

SS(YW)

BB will email re Finkle Street.

BB

10 ERYC Update

10.1 FCRIP Funding Bid

MK reported that a different team is running in with this and has not had any updates yet. MK can provide more information on what is required for the expression of interest. MK said that he understands that they are planning to go down the education strand and the idea of having rain gauges in schools might be appropriate.

10.2 S19 Report

It was noted that ERYC's S19 Reports go above and beyond what is demanded of them and MK confirmed that ERYC take the reports very seriously.

Disappointment was expressed that WWSTF would not be able to have had an opportunity to comment and input into the recommendations. The issue was discussed and it was agreed that the catchment based approach is a more appropriate way to look at the issues. The potential for a more joined up approach was discussed, around an example of the water flow from Everthorpe to West End, South Cave and the potential opportunities that exist and it was agreed that there should be better communication of ideas between WWSTF and ERYC. MK agreed to report back to his colleagues and explain some of the suggestions.

MK

It was noted that the EA and YW are being pushed by Government to work with catchments and residents but that there seems to be a blockage in the legislation process. AF agreed to look further into the guidance around working with communities.

AF

It was noted that WWSTF can act as distribution point for information.

10.3 South Cave FAS

There is no more information on this project at present. It was requested that an outline proposal and time line be shared as soon as possible. It is understood that the bid has not been approved and that it is still under consideration.

AF has been in communication with the ERYC Officer both as someone with local knowledge but also in a professional capacity with regard to the chalk streams. The difference between the becks at North Cave and South Cave - one completely open and the other disjointed and in culverts were discussed along with a range of other issues in the South Cave area.

10.4 Ongoing Works

It was noted that there is ongoing work in Brantingham, Ellerker, second phase Everthorpe (February), South Cave Moors Lane / Water Lane were noted. With regard to Everthorpe it was noted that there is a need to ensure that the residents of Everthorpe and North Cave are aware of the road closures. MK agreed to ask his colleague to send through details when they are known.

MK

10.5 Riparian responsibilities.

MK reported that ERYC is in the process of producing an information document setting out householder responsibilities with a major focus on riparian responsibilities. There was a general discussion around the need for solicitors to ask the question about riparian ownership and for householders to understand their responsibilities. It was agreed that this was an important issue for people to understand and WWSTF offered to ensure that the information is made available on the website and also publicised through social media and in The Village Link.

MK

It was noted that there is no definitive document setting out the riparian ownership boundaries and that it tends to be determined on a case by case basis. It was noted that there is a lot of confusion around who has riparian ownership particularly in association with highways. MK suggested that he could invite Richard Alderson to come to a future meeting to explain the situation in more detail.

MK

It was noted that there are a couple of websites which give good information as follows:

<https://www.floodtoolkit.com/pdf-library/>
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>