

Flooding Update: West Wolds Slow the Flow

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July Update

That's nice - the government agrees with us!

The government's policy statement on Flood Risk Management was published this month.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flood-and-coastal-erosion-risk-management-policy-statement>

Looking at the five policy headings, it is clear that we are working very much on the right lines and will, hopefully, stand to benefit:

- Upgrading and expanding our national flood defences and infrastructure
- Managing the flow of water more effectively
- Harnessing the power of nature to reduce flood and coastal erosion risk and achieve multiple benefits
- Better preparing communities
- Enabling more resilient places through a catchment based approach

Latest WWSTF revelations!

if you are curious about what is discussed at the WWSTF meetings, all of our meeting notes are published on the website. The Timeline page has been updated to include the July partnership meeting and includes a link to the meeting notes.

The main topics were:-

- WWSTF is now affiliated with the Hull and East Riding Catchment Partnership (HERCP). This will help us to have a wider reach and potentially to attract funding.
- The 'Flood Risk' Agencies (Environment Agency, East Riding Council, Yorkshire Water) are putting together funding for consultants to produce a feasibility study/masterplan for Natural Flood Management across the WWSTF area.
- Importantly, WWSTF will help to determine the brief and will be the core body that consultants and agencies report to. This is not quite the way we originally saw things developing, but is very welcome and should result in effective local oversight of a

technically sound approach. As noted somewhere recently, local people are '*experts on their area*' so must have an equal say in what technical experts and agencies are doing.

- The Agencies have also been requested to provide a clearer overview of their current/proposed activities, so that we will be better able to share these with local people.

'Revelations' might have been putting it a bit strong, but this is important stuff. Please feel free to get the Meeting Notes from the website and, as always, let us know your thoughts and suggestions. It does feel as though WWSTF is gaining momentum, which is down to it working as an effective partnership.

NCPC is onboard, who's next?

At their successful first Zoom meeting on July 15th, North Cave Parish Council formally voted Cllr Jackie North to be the NCPC representative to WWSTF, which is great news as she has done an excellent and enthusiastic job thus far.

Now we just need Hotham PC to join Newbald, North Cave, South Cave, Ellerker and Brantingham Parish councils on WWSTF - then we will have the full set!

Seriously, we want everyone to be a part of this important work, so if you have any thoughts or suggestions, would like to help, or want to be on the circulation list for email updates, or possible future Zoom meetings, please get in touch:

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