

Motion to Full Council – 17 July 2012

Flooding on Currymoor and Haymoor

Motion proposed by Councillor Gill Slattery and seconded by Councillor Phil Stone

Taunton Deane Borough Council wishes to recognise the catastrophic events on Currymoor and Haymoor on the Somerset levels since the exceptional April rainfall, and to demonstrate their support to the farmers and growers who have been affected by the loss of not only their summer pastures but also their ability to make hay and silage for next winter.

We urge our Strategic Planners in conjunction with the Environment Agency to mitigate flooding and enhance flood management by examining more critically the terms and conditions of planning consents for development throughout Taunton Deane and, where necessary add further measures to incorporate above the usual guidelines to help in avoiding such occurrences in the future

The Corporate Scrutiny Committee was advised of an underspend on the flood budget for Taunton. We propose that £10,000 of that is set aside should a permanent scheme be proposed when the study reports on 25 September 2012 and provided to help to fund such a permanent scheme. (This would not be for regular river maintenance.)