

SWT Flood & Coastal Board Meeting Thursday 3rd March 2022 at 10.00 -12.00

Present:

Cllr Dixie Darch (Cllr D), Brenda Maitland Walker (BMW), Cllr Ian Aldridge (IA), Niels McCartney (NM), Vicky Farwig (VF), Michele Boobyer (MB), Steve Hughes (SH), Rob King(RK)

Agenda Item	Item detail/ Action	Owner	Achieve by
	<p>Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies 2. Agree minutes & review actions of last meeting 3. Updates 4. Matters Arising 5. AOB 6. Date & Time of next meeting 		
Item 1	Apologies received from: Katie Marks (KM)	MB	
Item 2	<p>Previous meetings minutes agreed.</p> <p>Review of previous actions: Vicky Farwig – Wessex Water Working on Drainage and waste management plans with a plan to have resilient and future proofed infrastructure. Williton – VF is happy to speak to the Planning liaison team re surface water reduction at the site. Sub solutions within new developments would be positive.</p> <p>ACTION: VF to speak to Planning team at Wessex Water. Complete.</p> <p>DP has offered to supply a map of the area for the Parish Council to mark Riparian ownership for future reference re clearing and maintaining land. ACTION: DP to email KM a map for printing. Complete</p> <p>Brenda Maitland Walker BMW to send DP a list of all blocked gullies across Somerset. The problem appears to be between the gullies in the water outlet. Complete</p>	ALL	
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	<p>BMW reported there is still a car and an old land rover parked in the gateway of the dry attenuation area which lies behind the area of land on the right-hand side of Seaward Way, and it appears someone is camping there permanently. This dry attenuation is owned by the council.</p> <p>Cllr DD asked if BMW could send a map with X marks showing the spot. BMW explained Darren Hill knew the area as he had installed the gate for maintenance access, and he had put a 'Private Property' sign on the gate. BMW suggested fitting a padlock.</p> <p>Cllr DD agreed to get visit the site to get the vehicles removed and speak to Darren Hill to get a padlock fitted.</p> <p>Cllr A suggested the need to raise the profile of Williton Flood relief scheme and request a site meeting to look for a way forward regarding the flood scheme, Highways, SCC Highway and planning.</p> <p>Action: Cllr D and Cllr A to discuss who needs to be involved Complete.</p>	<p>Cllr D/BMW</p> <p>Cllr D</p> <p>Cllr A</p> <p>Cllr D</p>	
<p>Item 3</p>	<p>Updates – Brenda Maitland Walker</p> <p>"BMW has requested an update and confirmation that the clearance of the rhyne next to the new planned development in Seaward Way, will be cleared prior to start of work on the development as this was part of the planning conditions as she noticed on the planning portal that an amendment to this condition is being sought to leave the profiling and maintenance until after the dwellings had been erect and should be before.</p> <p>BMW pointed out that amendments to conditions were usually dealt with by the planning department as amendments do not normally go to committee.</p> <p>DD agreed to speak to planning to express the Board's concern regarding the application for an amendment to the condition relating to the maintenance and profiling work on the rhyne and requesting that the condition to undertake the work on the rhyne prior to the start of development should remain, as this rhyne is important as much of the surface water from Alcombe run into this rhyne."</p> <p>BMW asked if VF could confirm if the Flood Strategy Grant for Minehead was successful. VF confirmed that the grant bid for Minehead was successful.</p>	<p>BMW</p> <p>Cllr D</p> <p>BMW</p>	

	<p>BMW asked for an update regarding LFRA staff levels. NM advised at present Jonathan Doyle or Michelle Cusack are responsible and recruiting.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr D will write a letter to the LFRA expressing Flood Board members concern about the current staffing levels and who the interim contact is.</p> <p>Niels McCartney- Update</p> <p>Urgent repairs are needed at Bratton Culvert in Minehead under a private lane, near where a sinkhole has appeared. The EA has investigated and will carry out the repair. The EA has served notice on the riparian owners whose properties lie over, or adjacent to, the section needing repair. Under the notice, the EA reserves the right to re-charge for the work, if necessary, as the culvert and sinkhole are under third party ownership.</p> <p>Work to protect the coast area in front of the Golf Club in Minehead was carried out. Large blocks were put in place along the inside of the existing defence near the golf clubhouse, which will protect that part of the coast into the medium term until a long term solution can be found for this section of coast. The intention is to undertake the annual reprofiling of the main town beach within the next month</p> <p>Steve Hughes Update:</p> <p>SH and JS plan to meet John Buttivant from the EA in Minehead to find a permanent solution to the sand problem as it migrates across the road and blocks the drains, preventing surface water from draining away. SH will give an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>The work on the East Quay in Watchet is complete.</p> <p>There was minimal damage after store Eunice, any repairs are scheduled.</p> <p>The Blue Anchor Project, to protect the road is not expected to start until summer 2022, waiting on licences from the MMO, the project remains in the design stage.</p> <p>North Hill Slope stabilisation in Minehead, this project is in the design stage at present.</p> <p>ACTION: VF requested from SH the exact location of the Blue Anchor project as they have assets in that area.</p>	<p>Cllr D</p> <p>NM</p> <p>SH</p>	
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