## Minutes of the Coastal Catchment Meeting Held at Bradbury House, Market Street, Highbridge onTuesday 15 December 2015 at 10.30hrsChairman: Mr David Tratt

- 1 Attendance and Apologies: as per register appended. Apologies J Fear. Mr D Tratt, Vice-Chairman, Action in Mr Fear's absence will chair the meeting.
- 2 **Items additional to the agenda:** N Stevens (NWS) Development Control Mr Hopkins, footpath diversion.
- 3 Declarations of interest: D Tratt Item 10 Wick Solar Farm.
- 4 **Opportunity for the public to address the meeting:** No members of the public present.
- 5 **Minutes of the Coastal Catchment meeting held on 26 May 2015:** (appended) having been previously circulated the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting held.
- 6 Matters Arising: Item 6:14 Bleadon Sluice: Nothing to report at this time. Pitland Rhyne: De-silting/re-profiling works are in progress. Bristol Water have completed on-site works.

**Item 9 Brent Street Culvert:** members were advised that an update of the scheme proposal to improve surface water drainage of the area, to undertake works on approx. 80m of watercourse from Church Lane to Brent Street, is available on the Board's website.

**Item 11 Special Correspondence:** SRA are awaiting a letter from the Secretary of State regarding funding. A teleconference is due to take place with the Secretary of State to set out the Government proposals on interim and long term funding strategy.

7 Finance – overview of expenditure and budget: (appended). S Gee (SMG) provided an overview of the Coastal Catchment finance report, stating that there are no matters of concern at this time. The report was duly noted by members.

**Rates:** C-A Porter advised that there are currently £7k outstanding rates, and that 11 Liability Orders were issued by Taunton Magistrate's Court as requested at a hearing of 07 December 2015. All outstanding rate enquiries will be reviewed prior to year-end.

Milk Quota, following its abolition in April 2015, will be removed from the rating system accordingly.

8 **Maintenance Programme:** MSW advised that tenders for the Coastal Catchment 3 year contract will be invited and discussed at a meeting to be held on 15 March 2016.

**1) Ringstone Development:** MSW advised that this development is close an ordinary watercourse, however following negotiations with Sedgemoor District Council (SDC and Homes in Sedgemoor, the Development Plan has been amended. Concern was expressed that occupiers do not encroach the channel cleaning stip. A 5 metre strip has been agreed with a pinch point of 2.5 metres.

Proposed D Watts, Seconded R Shaw 'that the Coastal Catchment approves deviation of the policy approach to allow the building within 2.5 metres of the channel on the Ringstone Development.' Vote: unanimous RESOLUTION 1

2) Havage Rhyne: MSW presented photographs of a road side ditch and explained that part of this watercourse is currently in-view, however it would benefit the area if the remaining 114 metres were taken into view; a commuted sum has been received from the developer for future maintenance. Proposed R Shaw, Seconded W Welland 'that the Coastal Catchment approves taking 114 metres of the Havage Rhyne adjacent Havage Close into view.' Vote: unanimous

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**3)** Bourne Leisure: MSW advised that investigations using CCTV have proven unsuccessful. Bourne Leisure are to bund the inlet pipe in Delph Ditch as a temporary measure, and the Environment Agency (EA) will replace the outfall flap.

**4) East Brent Gabion Baskets:** concern has been expressed for the stability of the bank and gabion baskets from the Knoll Inn to Brent Road. MSW advised that a structural engineering assessment is required, and that to replace the baskets would cost £140k (estimate). This project is reviewed within the 5 year programme of works.

**5)** Applewithy Rhyne de-silting: MSW discussed cross-sections and advised that tenders had been invited to undertake 7,699m of de-silting. Tenders received from £7,283 to £23,286. MSW recommended awarding the contract to JD Pope for the work to be undertaken in January 2016, to include removal of material, re-seeding and reinstatement works as necessary.

- 9 Improvements and capital works programme: members were advised:
  - **Mill Green Close**: culvert has been jetted. New man-hole installed. Will be re-jetted in January 2016. Channel improvement works leading back to new culvert have resulted in improvement of the water levels in the area. However, concern was expressed for the

stability of the footpath - to be reviewed. MSW to meet with D Watts and R Shaw to review further concerns within the area.

- **East Brent**: culvert investigations continue. Collapsed section to be revisited, possibly with ground penetrating radar. Scheme to divert flows across agricultural land are also to be considered. Options and delivery to be discussed after investigations
- **BK01 Wick Rhyne Outfall:** Notice has been served. A contractor has been assigned to undertake works around the badger setts
- West Rhyne Improvement: outfall structure at Diamond Farm; modelling being produced for West Rhyne by Eden Vale of Bristol
- East & Pitland Rhyne Improvements: survey has been undertaken which has identified a large amount of material in the channel; modelling to be considered in the above investigation
- **Brent Street Culvert**: flood water from Knoll to Brent Broad and Applewithy rhynes. Tender awarded to Lewis Civil Engineering, a Wessex Water Framework contractor, at £116k to commence January 2016. Contributions have been secured from Wessex Water £50k and SCC via parish flood funding
- Edithmead Lane Culvert and Brent Knoll Wick Lane Culvert: road closures are required. SRA funding has been secured for Wick Lane Culvert
- **Project planning** is currently being undertaken for new works to be included within the 5 year programme of works
- 10 **Development Control:** (appended). 1) National Grid: I Sturdy (IDS) expressed concern regarding the impact of works and construction of works to the watercourse.

Planning conditions have been secured for NG to consult with the IDB on drainage master plans. NG will cover Board costs for considering propositions of development; approx. 250 culverts proposed.

Cables of pylons to be a minimum height of 10m over main rivers, lesser height over ordinary watercourses, however this is still compliant with Health & Safety operations.

**2) SDC Core Strategy**: extension of consultation deadline. Officers are preparing a response to include requirement of the Board i.e. run off rates, SUDS and other flood risk concerns. NWS advised that where small developments of one or two properties are replaced with five or six, drainage solutions are not always appropriate to Board practices; the Board responds to consultations accordingly.

**3) Isle Port Development:** the Board responded to the consultation by stating that Board could be available to contribute to negotiations regarding drainage, if required. Members were reminded this is still at core planning stage.

4) Comple Rhyne culverting: NWS advised that confirmation and information is being sought for this proposal from the residential property developer.

5) Edingworth Rhyne Fencing Application – Hopkins: members were advised that it may be possible to link into a Section 106 consent agreement to divert the bridleway.

Mrs Hopkins has secured comments from the Board to include with her application to the Department of Transport, and has agreed that maintenance spoil may be placed in the field as the maintenance strip is not suitable.

- 11 Special Correspondence and meetings: None at this time.
- 12 **Any Other Business:** Tenders Award Committee: it was agreed after discussion, that delegated authority should be given to allow the Tenders Award Committee to award the contracts as deemed appropriate by members.

Proposed Clir D Poole, Seconded D Watts 'that delegated authority be given to the Tenders Award Committee to award contracts as deemed appropriate at the meeting to be held on 15 March 2016.' Vote: unanimous RESOLUTION 3

13 Date of next meeting: Full Board 09 February 2016 and Coastal Catchment 10 May 2015.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked members and officers for attending. The meeting was closed at 12:15hrs.

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