

Minutes of the Coastal Catchment Meeting Held at Bradbury House, Market Street, Highbridge on Tuesday 10 October 2017 at 10.30 hrs
Chairman Mr Jeff Fear

- 1 **Attendance and Apologies:** as per register appended. Cllr Burnett was welcomed to the meeting.
- 2 **Items additional to the agenda:** Item 8 - Bleadon Sluice
- 3 **Declarations of interest:** None at this time
- 4 **Opportunity for the public to address the meeting:** None
- 5 **Finance – overview of expenditure and budget:** (appended). N Stevens (NWS) provided an overview of the report with the following points of note:
- Highways England –a new MOU is to be set up following expiration of the previous one, 4-5 years is the preferred timescale for an MOU, to be charged at contractor tendered rates with additional Board on-cost
 - Brent Street Culvert – due to contributions received, Board expenditure was less than budget. Residual funds could be made available to fund Church Road, East Brent scheme
 - All listed engineering schemes deliver benefits to communities and housing; some external funding streams may be available
- Members accepted the report.
- 6 **Maintenance Programme:** M S Wall (MSW) advised that all channel cleaning contracts are on schedule.
- Officers have identified that there is an increased risk to the Board from claims relating to stock death from toxic watercourse plants. Hemlock Water Dropwort is one of a number of poisonous plants that farmers/glaziers need to be aware of for animal husbandry. It is proposed that information and procedure sheets are provided to members and land occupiers; these will be available to download from the Board’s website in the near future and provided to all contractors. Information will also be included on the annual newsletter.
- Landowners are asked to inform the Board if plants are identified to ensure that contractors, or in-house operators are aware.
- Two claims for livestock compensation have been received following channel cleaning operations, which have been forwarded to the Board’s insurer for review. Assuming a response has been received, it will be discussed at the Full Board meeting of 17 October 2017.
- 6a **Proposed winter 2017/18 desilting/dredging works:** preliminary silt survey investigation sites include sections at BK01, Middle Lake Rhyne, Wick Rhyne, short section of New Rhyne connecting to Lympsham, Burnham Rhyne –from Pople’s Bow to Edithmead Lane and Home Farm, West Huntspill rhyne to connect with Mill Green works; not all rhyne will require desilting.
- The budget for proposed works is £13,600 – tenders, in 3 lots, to be invited for works to be undertaken during December/January, completion no later than 1 March 2018. Expected cost for 11.8km is approx. £1 per metre.
- Pitland Rhyne** Bristol Water has lowered the pipe crossing some time ago however a high water level remains. Investigation has recognised a lower level is required however a scheme has yet to be agreed.
- Brents Rhyne** Three tenders were received; the contract was awarded to JD Pope & Sons at a cost of £7,213.
- Improvements and capital works programme: 1. Brent Street and Lympsham** work complete, with connection works in-hand.
- 6b **2. West Rhyne Improvements:** modelling has allowed the impacts and effects of severe rainfall events on the local catchment to be evaluated. A number of options to improve flood risk standards in the area have been investigated with the preferred solution to provide increased conveyance in the West Rhyne. Culverts have been identified as creating significant restrictions. A programme of works to commence with culvert works and reprofiling downstream to upstream is being proposed.. Final designs to be discussed with working sub-committee.
- 3. Church Road, East Brent:** At a tender sub-committee meeting it was agreed to not award the contract at the time and report to the full Board. The Full Board engineering report will state that the scheme is to be reviewed with consideration to localized solutions. New tenders are to be invited at the end of the current financial year following engagement with local residents and review of CCTV investigations.
- 4. Holly Tree Farm Road Crossing** -Ken Marsh was due to complete headwalls, however this has not occurred. Concern was expressed for the stability of the road carriageway and edge. Revised drawings have been received and approved, however there is a delay due to contractor availability.
- 6c **Development Control:** W Welland declared an interest in Ref 933 - Berrow Road development.

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Ref 933: Erection of 8 dwellings 150 Berrow Road, Burnham on Sea objections have been submitted by the IDB and EA. An agreement is to be established to cover Board concerns. The Board's solicitors have been engaged with the costs to be met by the developer.

Crown Inn, East Huntspill: M S Wall advised for information purposes:

- Witness statements have been provided from a site meeting for consideration by the Boards legal advisors.
- Mrs Cooke has advised that the large container has been sold and is awaiting collection.
- It is understood that a planning application has been submitted for conversion of the skittle alley to dwelling accommodation, however this is not yet registered with the Board.

Ref 627 Lympsham School – works have been completed satisfactorily.

Anchor Public House – adjacent fencing is not a concern to the Board, however recent turfing may prove problematic when undertaking channel cleaning operations.

Ref 621 Oaktree Arena, Highbridge – application for the installation of two culverts: concern was expressed over the proposed culvert size in the light of future development in the area. Officers advised that the Board can identify the size of culvert required, possibly 600mm which would be adequate for the development proposed. If the culverts prove to be insufficient at a time of future additional development the matter will be addressed at the time. NWS reminded members that each application must be considered on its own proposals and merits. It was agreed that S Bunn, Development Officer would discuss the application with ME Wall at the appropriate time.

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7 **Minutes of the Coastal Catchment meeting held on 02 May 2017:** (appended)

Having been previously circulated the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting held.

8 **Matters Arising: Item 7:3 Alstone Lane:** no update at this time.

Item 8: Ref 864 Aldi food store: no application has been submitted for signage in close proximity to the watercourse.

Item 10:8:4 Bleadon Sluice: no update at this time.

Item 10:11:4 Pawlett Hams: work has been completed to drill a new pipe under the River Parrett to restore water levels in this area. Civil works are currently out to tender.

Cycle way at Brean is now open. NWS to ensure that all access routes are available.

9 **Date of next meeting:** Full Board - Tuesday 17 October 2017, 10.30am

Coastal Catchment - Tuesday 12 December 2017, 10.30am

There being no other business the Chairman thanked members and officers for attending.

The meeting was closed at 11.30 hrs.

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