

**Minutes of the Axe Catchment Meeting, held at Bradbury House, Market Street on
Tuesday 08 May 2018 at 10.30am**

Chairman: Mr Jim Lukins

- 1 **Attendance and Apologies:** as per register appended.
The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr R Burge as CEO to the Boards.
- 2 **Items additional to the agenda:** Item 6: Engineering Report - Bleadon Sluice and Cross Moor Pump. Flooding to Axbridge Moor re Bristol Water Works.
- 3 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr L Scott – matters relating to land within Axbridge.
- 4 **Opportunity for the public to address the meeting:** None
- 5 **Finance –overview of expenditure and budget:** (appended) overview of report provided by R Burge (RGB).
Broadmoor Sluice H&S: tilting weir installed by the Board.
Landcourse Rhyne: H&S scheme for operator.
The report was taken as read.

6 Engineering Report:

- 6a Operational and Works updates:** Biddisham Drainage improvements scheme:
JD Pope £11,870 highway culvert, £13, 805 channel improvements
Bernard Perry £38,200 highway culvert, £43,378 channel improvements
K Marsh Ground hire and Plant Works £38,955 channel improvements only
Spratt's Plant Hire £20,524 channel improvements only
Work awarded to J D Pope & Sons for highway culvert and channel improvements.

Health & Safety phase 3; Monk Moor inlet has been completed, £3751. Cheddar Yeo inlet still awaiting land dry out.

JD Pope & Sons have been awarded a contract to install new viewing gates at Hellier's Stream and Westbury Moor Lake at £6,975, to include an additional replacement drove culvert in the Brue Catchment.

Cross Moor Drove Rhyne, an earlier weed cut has been undertaken upstream, to aid the Environment Agency undertaking improvement works to Cross Moor pumping station. A second cut may be necessary.

- 6 Pint Pot Cottage access update:** Handwork has been undertaken by Harris Tree Works at £450, which was the cheapest quote received. Mr A Dowden estimates that in future years, the handwork would cost approx. £300.

Mr A Dowden estimates revetment works would cost circa £2,500 and £4,000 scheme dependant. It is doubtful Mr Sperrings would accept a legal agreement.

Concern was expressed for future access of Pint Pot Cottage for channel cleaning works if the Board undertakes revetment works without a legal access agreement.

Mr R Adlam proposed, Cllr L Scott seconded 'that the Board maintains the watercourse by handwork annually for the foreseeable future, approx. 50m. The Board continues to await the requested evidence from Mr Sperrings to show the Board damaged the bank.' All agreed. RESOLUTION 1

Flooding on Axbridge Moor: Reinstatement of bank required due to a structure and water pipe. It is recommended that the Board make the Environment Agency aware of member concerns for localised flooding.

Bleadon Sluice: Bleadon Sluice is a Bristol Water asset operated by the Environment Agency. With this sluice being non-operational, the River Yeo is too low in the summer months, allowing cattle to move through it. Bleadon Sluice was operated to obtain a higher level upstream to enable water to be abstracted from White House and South Hill

Action

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MSW

pumps to provide a feed of water into the Mark Yeo system across the Axe Catchment to the Brue area.

Some watercourses are disadvantaged by the non-operation of Bleadon Sluice.

Structures at Brean Cross are showing signs of wear due to constant use.

An action was taken for the Clerk to write to Bristol Water and the Environment Agency regarding this structure, with copies to local MP's James Heapey and John Penrose.

RGB

Cross Moor Pump: The Environment Agency has advised that update works are being undertaken at the pumping station, however these should be completed in the near future. Temporary pumps are deployed in the area.

- 6c Development Control:** (appended enc 2) **Ref 1110** Board member consulted Cllr P Costello and T Tincknell; concern expressed as the development is on land owned by Mr Tincknell. Following reconstitution the Development Control Officer will need to be aware of members and their interests when requesting comments.

Ref: 664 consent application to install boards: more information requested. MSW advised that the application is to install utilities with a board protection over rather than concrete. The report was taken as read.

- 7 Minutes of the Axe Catchment meeting 29 August 2017:** (appended enc 3) having previously been circulated, the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting held on the proposition of Mr J Fear, seconded by Cllr P Costello. RESOLUTION 2

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- 8 Matters arising:** None

- 9 Date of next meetings: Full Board 26 June 2018, Axe Catchment 18 September 2018.**

All present were thanked for attending.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 11.30 hrs

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Chairman

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Date