

**Minutes of the Coastal Catchment Meeting Held at Bradbury House, Market Street, Highbridge on Tuesday 6 December 2016 at 10.30hrs**  
**Chairman Mr Jeff Fear**

- 1 **Attendance and Apologies:** as per register appended.
- 2 **Items additional to the agenda:** D Watts (DW) – Alstone Lane flooding  
W Welland (WW) – why are the minutes at the end of the meeting? N Stevens (NWS) – generally it has been found that matters were covered throughout the meeting during the maintenance and engineers report and therefore meetings were not prolonged by repetition.  
M Wall (MEW) – Crown Inn East Huntspill. NWS reported that the consent (which had been applied for retrospectively) had been refused at the full board meeting. A site meeting to be held with Mr Cooke on Friday 9 December. A request was made to him to remove the containers within 28 days. Cllr W Human (WH) advised that SDC planning will serve enforcement notice for removal of the containers and additional wood frame.
- 3 **Declarations of interest:** DW – Alstone Lane, WW – Berrow Wall culverts.
- 4 **Opportunity for the public to address the meeting:** No members of the public present.
- 5 **Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman to 31 October 2019:**  
The Clerk called for nominations for Chairman: D Tratt nominated Jeff Fear (JF), seconded by D Poole (DP). With no other nominations J Fear took the chair and thanked members for their continued support.  
R Keen (RK) – raised a query regarding a planning application south of Northwick Road. WH declared an interest. The matter will be discussed the Development Control Officer outside of this meeting.  
J Fear called for nominations for Vice Chairman: D Watts nominated D Tratt (DT) as Vice Chairman, seconded by D Poole. With no other nominations D Tratt was duly appointed Vice Chairman.
- 6 **Finance – overview of expenditure and budget:** appended. S Gee (SG) advised that there is nothing of concern at this time and that the accounts are as expected.  
JF – Lympsham Pumping Station – SDC have offered 50% costs for the project.  
MS Wall (MSW) reported that work is required on the channel between the redundant pumping station and the outlet into New Rhyne to bring the rhyne up to standard and hand work to be carried out to effect this improvement.  
Members accepted the report.
- 7 **Maintenance Programme:** IDS attending a technical meeting to discuss SRA programme of works for 2017.  
MSW reported that maintenance is almost complete in the Coastal catchment area.  
The M5 motorway channels maintenance to be undertaken before Christmas. Work to be carried out from Puriton to Loxton, north and south with all costs to be reimbursed by Highways England.  
Slides shown of the following schemes:
- 7.1 **De-silting:** proposed de-silting work to be carried out from Wick Road to Wick Lane, approx. length 5278m. A Silt survey has been carried out. A gateway will need to be replaced which currently is not usable as a viewing gate as site is badly worn. The proposal is to move the structure slightly upstream. Tenders will be invited in the New Year. Members were reminded that the work will be carried out through Mr & Mrs Hopkins' land.
- 7.2 **Brent Street Culvert:** video of the working project shown. The flood water is diverted into the new culvert across the road which has yet to run a full capacity. The downstream Applewithy/Brent Broad spillway is running very well and protects the village by overspilling before level become critical in the village.
- 7.3 **East Brent:** The screen design to the lower pond needs to be re evaluated to ensure risks of blockage on the screen or in the culvert are minimised. The system was cleaned twice this year. The scheme is likely to recommend the install a new culvert along Church Road as well as survey work on Bristol Road and ponds one and two. Improvements to the whole system within the area are currently being considered. Funding streams to be investigated as Grant in Aid may be applicable.
- 7.4 **New Rhyne Lympsham:** rhyne extension to be discussed with property owners. Hand work to be considered for 203m with 308m of machine work.
- 7.5 **Havage Rhyne improvements:** evidence shown of new screen to prevent children entering the watercourse. Members opined that the scheme was satisfactory.
- 8 **Improvements and capital works programme:**  
**West Rhyne Improvements:** P Struck (PS) updated members on the West Rhyne Improvements. He explained the outputs from modelling consultants looking at where improvements could be made along the length of the West Rhyne particularly focusing on culverts, culverts sizes, inverts and bed levels. The recommendation is to carry out a phased approach to the works. MSW asked for a sub-committee to be formed to look at the proposed works and to review future works.

Action

Members agreed that delegated powers should be given to the sub-committee which will consist of David Tratt, Wendy Welland, Mat Boley, Jeff Fear and Cllr R Keen.

**Proposed: David Watts, seconded: Will Human “that a sub-committee with delegated powers is formed to review phased improvement schemes on West Rhyne and to review future works”. All in favour RESOLUTION 1**

**Rosetree Paddock:** MEW asked for an update regarding the badger sett. MSW confirmed that the second sett would remain, subject to a 9m access strip on the opposite bank. The first sett is to be removed by August 2017.

**Alstone Lane:** D Watts advised that at every flood event Church Road and Alstone Lane flood. The storm water from Alstone Lane goes into the foul waste and rises through the manhole cover in Church Road by the Orchard Inn. Clerk to contact Wessex Water to see if they want to remove storm water from their system. NWS advised that it would possibly be a joint scheme with Highways England and the County Flood officer. MSW provided further details of the area and agreed to review the area with DW to identify the difficult locations.

**Bleadon Sluice:** Bristol Water put a scheme out to tender. Prices and alternative tenders were received, causing re-valuation of the scheme; the results have not been disclosed.

9 **Development Control: Item no. 833, erection of stable block and associated works, Merry Lane, East Huntspill** should be given consideration by the Brue catchment not Coastal.

**Item no. 840, change of use agricultural land to hard standing, Offsite Solutions, Isleport Road, Highbridge:** MEW – requested an update on. NWS advised that correspondence had been received for Isleport Business Park extensions, to which the Board has objected on the grounds that a drainage plan for the site had not been agreed with the Board.

MSW added that more details of the run-off had been requested. The only work carried out to date has been to remove vegetation to enable a survey. A 9m clear access has been requested on the rhyne side and 6m on the other.

**Alstone Lane:** Cllr Keen advised that nothing new has been received at SDC.

NWS had submitted concerns and objections to the drainage details, and had provided evidence of flooding to SDC for consideration.

10 **Minutes of the Coastal Catchment meeting held on 27 September 2016:** (appended) having been previously circulated the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting held.

11 **Matters Arising: Item 7b – Brean Leisure:** Proposals had been received from Lyndon Brett, agent for the applicant. Alterations had been suggested but the agent has not yet responded to the Boards' concerns.

**Item 10 6:2:** correction: MEW should read MSW.

Bourne Leisure are pumping water into the ditch from the breeding pond to change the water as it had high saline content. Residents' concerns have been passed on to the EA.

**Item 12 outstanding rates:** recovery of outstanding rates remains on-going.

**The Dairy Show:** 05 October, Bath & West Showground – the event was well attended, with the Board exhibition receiving in excess of 100 engaged visitors. Feedback received from members of the public and Board members was very favourable.

**Pawlett Hams:** a temporary summer connection was not successfully turned into a permanent solution. The lack of a water supply into the area will have a detrimental impact on the SSSI and farming in the site on Pawlett Hams. The favoured option at the moment is to drill a pipe under the river; preliminary enquiries show it could be done at quite a reasonable cost. The liability lies with the Parrett Board and a funding plan for the work will be considered. This may involve contributions from other bodies and GiA may also be available. Although investigations continue, it is hoped that the scheme will be operational by next summer.

**Burnham Beach:** W Welland advised that Burnham beach is covered in a layer of silt; is this due to the desilting work being carried out on the River Parrett? NWS advised that comprehensive monitoring is being undertaken. An invitation was extended to members to visit Van-Oord at Westonzoyland pumping station tomorrow from 11am to view the dredger and equipment used for de-silting trials.

11 **Special Correspondence and meetings:** The first liaison meeting with the EA for quite a while was held recently. Funding issues for repair works were discussed, as was the announcement by government that an additional £40m will be provided for flood risk management annually until 2020; it is believed the EA locally were allocated a proportion.

The Environment Agency has agreed to proceed with use of the PSCA to enable local works by the Boards with reimbursable costs via Agency funds or from precept. Works via PSCA on main river must be undertaken in-line with EA powers, as the LDA 1991 does not permit IDBs to work on main rivers.

The minutes of the SRA October meeting are now available on-line. Future meeting dates will be provided at the meeting in February.

12 **Any Other Business:** - none

13 **Date of next meeting:** Full Board - Tuesday 31 January 2017, 10.30am  
Coastal Catchment - Tuesday 02 May 2017, 10.30am

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

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