

Minutes of the Coastal Catchment Meeting Held at Bradbury House, Market Street, Highbridge on Tuesday 02 May 2017 at 10.30 hrs
Chairman Mr Jeff Fear

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| 1 | Attendance and Apologies: as per register appended. W Welland will arrive late – apologies received. | Action |
| 2 | Items additional to the agenda: IDB Governance arrangements | |
| 3 | Declarations of interest: D Watts – Alstone Lane | |
| 4 | Opportunity for the public to address the meeting: No members of the public present. The Chairman welcomed and introduced George Hellier, Trainee Technician to the meeting. | |
| 5 | Finance – overview of expenditure and budget: appended. The report identified two budget items for projects at East Brent which have been progressing in parallel. It was recommended that the Church Road project should be progressed as the preferred scheme and that the diversion proposal should not be taken forward at the present time although officers identified that there were other downstream works within the East Brent drainage system that will require improvements. It was agreed that Church Road was the preferred scheme and that funding for both schemes would be combined accordingly. Members accepted the report. | |
| 6 | Maintenance Programme: M S Wall (MSW) advised that J D Pope & Sons, R Duckett, B Perry and K Gordon had been invited to tender for Brents Rhyne extension works. Using a competitive tender procedure, in-line with the Board's Procurement Policy, the recommended contract award is to J D Pope & Sons with the lowest tender at £7,213.
Proposed D Tratt, Seconded R Shaw 'that in-line with the Axe Brue IDB Procurement Policy a contract for Brent Street culvert works to include ditch work, vegetation clearance and two new culverts be awarded to J D Pope & Sons at a tender price of £7,213.' Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain motion carried RESOLUTION 1
Desilting: Works undertaken from A360 to the railway line at Wick Lane. Following a competitive tender process, Spratt's Plant Hire Ltd, as the lowest tender was awarded the contract for desilting works to include bank repair where necessary. The work was undertaken to a satisfactory standard. Members were advised that a complaint had been received from a landowner however, due to incorrect information given to the complainant prior to submission, the complaint was later rescinded.
Lympsham Rhyne Culvert: MSW proposed the inclusion in the works programme of a new culvert to replace a deteriorated and poorly located culvert adjacent to Lympsham Rhyne. The culvert has an access gate and redundant water control structure. The structure is not on the Board's asset register and officers recommend re-siting a replacement structure 6m to 7m upstream on Middle Rhyne and to undertake bank repairs as necessary. Members agreed that the work could be placed on the programme for the year. | RES 1 |
| 10.45hrs W Welland joined the meeting. | | |
| Desilting 2018: preliminary desilting sites assessment for works in 2017/18 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 Rhynes to connect with Mill Green works. MSW invited members with any comment or input of further sites to contact him. MSW will proceed to arrange silt surveys of the proposed sites.
New Rhyne Lympsham proposed extension: handworks were undertaken by R Duckett in December 2016 for the protection of properties in Lympsham. The works have improved the conveyance of water through the system.
Investigation is now required for repairs of an unconsented culvert where subsidence is evident, and flows appear to be constrained. The culvert has been in place too long to undertake enforcement. Works to include headwall repairs. It was agreed that an indicative price is to be sought; estimated cost £3k.
Proposed D Tratt, Seconded R Keen 'that officers investigate and seek indicative costs for repair of an unconsented culvert with associated works as necessary.' Vote: unanimous RESOLUTION 2 | | |
| 7 | Improvements and capital works programme: 1. West Rhyne Improvements: modelling and investigation has been undertaken to understand hydrology of the catchment and the benefits of improvement works (slide presentation). The work could involve a series of culvert improvements to increase conveyance and reduce head losses allowing better discharge off tide. It was agreed that a project sub-committee would be convened for update and monitoring of investigations and surveys.
2. Church Road, East Brent: (Engineering Report 11.3.3 map ref S16) culvert works are being investigated for a scheme to be undertaken summer 2017. A grant in aid application has been | RES 2 |

submitted to the EA and tenders are to be invited. Tender approval will be required prior to the next catchment meeting, therefore a tender award committee needs to be formed.

It was agreed that partner organisations, Somerset County Council and East Brent Parish Council should also be considered for grant/funding contributions.

Proposed Cllr Keen, Seconded D Watts 'that the Coastal Catchment Committee award delegated authority to the Tender Award Committee to award a contract for an improvement scheme at Church Road East Brent. The Tender Award Committee to consist of Jeff Fear, Cllr Roger Keen, David Tratt, David Watts and Wendy Welland.' Vote: unanimous
RESOLUTION 3

3. Alstone Lane Application No: 52/16/00008: at the last meeting members were advised that the Board had submitted concerns and objections to the drainage details and had provided evidence of flooding. The planning authority had now refused the application based on information from both the Axe Brue Board and the County highways team. Officers considered that improvement or mitigation works in the area were required before any further development should take place. Officers suggested that a scheme could proceed in conjunction with County Highways possibly Wessex Water and the Board if a contribution was received from the developer. It was agreed that should an offer of contribution to a scheme be forthcoming a Coastal Catchment sub-committee would be convened.

Proposed D Tratt, Seconded R Shaw 'that the Coastal Catchment Committee award delegated authority to a sub-committee Committee to make decisions on any contribution offered for works to provide drainage improvements at Alstone Lane. The sub-committee to consist of Jeff Fear Cllr Roger Keen Richard Shaw and David Watts.' Vote: unanimous
RESOLUTION 4

8 **Development Control: Applewthy Rhyne:** concern was expressed for an application to erect a livestock building in close proximity to Applewthy Rhyne, which has been consented. It was agreed that NWS and MSW would review Land Drainage Consent applications for details.

Ref 887: erection of agri dwelling at Mark should be Brue Catchment not Coastal.

Ref 883 erection of building for holiday lets, White Cottage, West Huntspill: an objection has been raised by the Board regarding surface water drainage – scheme details have been requested.

Ref 864 erection of Aldi food store, land at Isleport/Bennett Road, Highbridge: SDC has approved this application contrary to the Board objection - signage was in close proximity of the watercourse.

Ref 861 OMM required: OMM is the acronym for Operation and Maintenance Manual; this is to be added to the acronym index for members.

Ref 857 erection of carport, Burton Row, Brent Knoll: members were advised that although the Board had objected on grounds that it was in close proximity to the watercourse, the car port has been erected on the existing footprint.

The report was accepted.

9 **Minutes of the Coastal Catchment meeting held on 06 December 2016:** (appended) Item 6 Finance, sentence 3 "...SDC have contributed..." should read "...SDC have offered..." Having been previously circulated the minutes with one amendment were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting held.

10 **Matters Arising: Item 8:2 Rose Tree Paddock:** work has commenced on site however the Board has not been advised of commencement or if this work is to remove the first badger sett; MSW to investigate.

Item 8:4 Bleadon Sluice: Bristol Water has advised that a scheme is with directors for approval. The Chairman has been advised that EA and Bristol Water have met to discuss the structure however no feedback has been received to date.

Item 2:3 Crown Inn, East Huntspill: a Brue Catchment meeting has been held with Mr & Mrs Cooke in attendance. Land Drainage Consent was refused for siting of three storage containers to be used for a skittle alley. Approval was given to reinstate a 28 day notice for removal of said containers.

Item 11:4 Pawlett Hams: design and build for directional drilling is out to tender; programme and cost is now being considered for tender assessment. It is intended to complete the works during the summer.

11 **Special Correspondence and meetings:** National Audit Office (NAO) Report: The report highlights that the Axe Brue and Parrett are the largest Boards nationally (by membership) which exceeds Defra guidelines.

The RFCC Chairman offered to facilitate a governance review of the Axe Brue and Parrett Boards, which is now being undertaken. Concerns have been registered by Sedgemoor Council and RFCC members for the size of membership and the extent of the meetings calendar. NWS was asked to

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prepare a report for the Boards and to report back to the Governance review committee and IDB Policy Finance and Governance Committees.

- 12 **Any Other Business: 1.** It was suggested that when detailing watercourses on plans, the parish is highlighted for member understanding.
2. The next SWADA meeting will be 29 November 2017, venue to be confirmed.
- 13 **Date of next meeting:** Full Board - Tuesday 13 June 2017, 10.30am
Coastal Catchment - Tuesday 10 October 2017, 10.30am

There being no other business the Chairman thanked members and officers for attending.
The meeting was closed at 12:47 hrs.

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CHAIRMAN

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ATTENDANCE SHEET – COASTAL CATCHMENT

DATE : 02 May 2017, 10.30am VENUE: Bradbury House, Highbridge

BOARD MEMBER	MILEAGE	PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Ray Adlam			
Mat Boley			
Heather Case (SDC)			
Alison Hamlin Cllr (SDC)			✓
Will Human Cllr (SDC)			
Jeff Fear		Jeff Fear	
Roger Keen Cllr (SDC)		R Keen	✓
David Poole (NSC)			
Richard Shaw (SDC)	3 3	R.T. Shaw	
David Tratt	14 miles	David Tratt	
Maurice Wall	35 + parking £1.40	Maurice Wall	
David Watts	3	David Watts	
Wendy Welland	£2.50 parking	W.C. Welland	
John Woodman Cllr (SDC)			
STAFF			
Stephen Gee		—	✓
Carrie-Anne Porter		CAP	
Nick Stevens		NWS	
Peter Struck		—	
Iain Sturdy	AS	IDS	
Matthew Wall	MW	MW	
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC A Dowling G Hellier			
NAME	ADDRESS	NAME	ADDRESS
Pam Thorne.			