

Minutes of the Coastal Catchment Meeting Held at Bradbury House, Market Street, Highbridge on Tuesday 22 May 2018 at 2.30pm
Chairman Mr Jeff Fear

- 1 **The Chairman welcomed members, particularly David Watts who had recently been unwell.**
Attendance and Apologies: as per register appended.
- 2 **Items additional to the agenda:** None
- 3 **Declarations of interest:** None at this time
- 4 **Opportunity for the public to address the meeting:** None
- 5 **Minutes of the Coastal Catchment meeting held on 12 December 2017:** (appended)
Having been previously circulated the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting held
- 6 **Matters Arising:** Maurice Wall (MEW) asked for an update on Accommodation Road at Bleadon. Matthew Wall (MSW) advised that Simon Bunn (SB) had written to North Somerset Council on 2 occasions but as yet there has been no reply. David Tratt (DT) reported that the development had not continued as it was. MSW added that the track had been brought to the attention of the Local Planning Authority and a meeting was due to take place the following week with Mr Abraham who was aware that the Board needed access. There was a machine going in shortly which may cause concern regarding the track marks.
Wendy Welland (WW) asked for information regarding the Notaro development at Berrow as local residents were asking for an update. SB had written to Notaros. The work had been carried out and after completion of the development the area would be tidied up.
MEW pointed out that Board members should be asked to attend any meetings with developers or where work was to be carried out.
It was noted that a couple of amendments were needed to the minutes due to a typing error – in Item 6 Brent Broad Track – should read “A complaint” and also in item 6 Boat Rhyne – should read “a tilting weir has begun to move”.
Cllr Burnett reported that the Local Plan Examination had been concluded with changes required by the Government. A few changes needed to be made then it would go to a 6 week publication period through the summer. Iain Sturdy (IDS) reported that the Board would be consulted regarding any changes.
The Chairman introduced the New CEO Roger Burge (RGB) and asked members to introduce themselves stating the area they represented
- 7 **Finance – overview of expenditure and budget:** (appended). Members queried the over spend on the Lympsham pumping station works. MSW confirmed that this was due to the replacement structure combined with the extra works required.
RGB asked that if members were uncomfortable with reading the finance report he was willing to establish a training session for members.
- 8 **Operations and Maintenance Programme:** MSW reported that the penning was late by 1 month. The West Rhyne was due to be carried out in 2/3 weeks along with the first cut on Cooks Rhyne. The tree work had been carried out on Emerald Pool by Richard Duckett which had created good access (16m). The bank was unstable.
- 9 **Improvements and capital works programme:** IDS referred to the schemes contained in the finance report.
West Rhyne - a small sub committee had been formed to progress the project. The plan was to start works on the outfall in November, but a discussion was needed with members to see what was required. Members would be notified when the meeting was called.
Church Road East Brent – the project was delayed last year, it had been reviewed and the work would be carried out in 2 phases. 1st phase – upstream of culvert. 2nd phase – bottom end with extra culvert and services in road with private connections. (Tilting weir started to move but has now been stabilised). MSW advised that the work could be awarded to 2 different contractors. IDS added that the scheme was dependent on the grant from the EA of approximately £100k.
- 10 **Development Control:** Land Drainage consent application had been received from Aldi for 5.6m distance from watercourse, this would be consented. An application had also been received from Premier Inns.
Ed Champion was currently the member for the Brent Knoll area but did not now deal with Board business. It was suggested that Colin Durston was asked to represent the Brent Knoll area.

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