

# MINUTES OF CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## FLOOD COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2020, 7:00PM

**PRESENT:** Cllr G Parker, Cllr J Cansdale, D Collyer, P Hodge, P Jones, E Boot, H Causer, J Scott

**IN ATTENDANCE:** G Pettitt (Parish Clerk)

### 01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

None

### 02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 All present declared an interest in Flood Committee business

2.2 There were no dispensations required

2.3 There were no grants for dispensation

### 03. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

No exclusions required

### 04. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of public present

### 05. REPORTS

- Members of the Committee reported that the meeting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with Somerset County Council **Lead Flood Officer** was useful and encouraging. That meeting included officers from Wessex Water Authority and lead officer for flood mitigation from Mendip District Council. Properties affected by flooding in October 2020 were visited. Discussed the culvert by the former garage where a number of houses flooded for the first time. A survey of the culvert is expected within three months.

SCC require as much data as possible on when, where and why flooding is happening. Very large maps of the village have been supplied, on which those affected by flooding may mark their observations. Drop in session by appointment at Village Hall to be arranged in New Year. Flood Incident Forms have been provided for completion by those affected by flooding.

The agencies involved are part of a co-ordinating group - SCC, MDC, Environment Agency and Wessex Water. A report will be forwarded to the Council.

- There is concern over **riparian responsibilities**. It is not clear cut as to where the boundaries of responsibility lie.
- David Collyer reported talking to a **Bridge Inspector** and a group of **Environment Agency surveyors**, both of whom were completing routine inspections separate to the meeting. A collapsed arch was

noted in one culvert and others are choked with vegetation or completely blocked. The surveyors said that visually the river appears much higher than in the past. Cllr Parker has forwarded David's emails detailing these meetings to Andy Lambart.

- **Actions**

**Cllr Parker** will ask Andy Lambart:

- when SCC report is due
- who co-ordinates the professionals
- contact details of key officers from each agency
- an outline of current strategy - what is being done now and what needs to be done
- clarification of what is most useful information required from surveys
- clarification of regulations regarding riparian responsibilities and where to find the boundaries of responsibility

Flood Incident Forms will be taken to affected households - when completed they should be sent to Cllr Parker

**Paul Hodge** to send list of past reports. **Gill Pettitt** to find the files

## 6. FLOOD PLAN REVIEW

- **Identification of properties** affected by October 2020 flood - Call to residents to inform the Committee through Facebook and an insert for Roundabout. Increase communication to residents - inform that all households affected can sign up to Environment Agency Flood Alerts. Consider working with Wessex Water on educational initiatives.

- **Actions**

**Paul Jones** will draft a piece for the Roundabout insert and a cover note to be delivered with the Flood Incident Forms

- **Wardens**

**Jim Scott** working with **Helen Causer** will establish that existing wardens wish to continue. Will investigate whether the village needs more wardens, look for wardens that are not immediately affected by flooding and establish requirements such as training and co-ordination.

A list of residents in need of particular support to be compiled and supplied to the water company's Priority Services Register (on agenda for next Flood Committee meeting).

- **Equipment check schedule** Flood bin by the former village shop - **Paul Hodge** and **Jim Scott** will check this and establish a maintenance schedule.

- **Documentation** - It is envisaged that documents may be uploaded to Parish Online in the near future, if this does not happen Paul Jones will establish a Teams group for the Flood Committee.

CLOSE - The next meeting January tbc