

MINUTES OF CROSCOMBE PARISH FLOOD COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON TUESDAY 4 May 2021, 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs G Parker & J Cansdale; E Boot; P Hodge; H Causer; P Jones; J Scott.

IN ATTENDANCE: J & C Somerville (Dinder Estate)(part); Helen Smith (Somerset County Council) (part).

[NB. Cllr Parker minuted the meeting in the absence of the Clerk]

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN: D Collyer
RESOLVED To approve reasons given. Approved.

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.
- 2.2 There were no requests for dispensation.
- 2.3 There were no grants for dispensation.

03. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC Not required.

04. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME Those present will contribute within the meeting.

05. MINUTES OF CPC FLOOD COMMITTEE HELD 23 MARCH 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 23 March 2021 are approved.

06. PROGRESS REPORTS AND FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS

- **Statutory Authorities** - Helen Smith (Somerset County Council) and Caroline Murray (on behalf of Mendip District Council) had provided a written briefing before the meeting. Helen Smith expanded upon the briefing, as well as responding to questions from the Committee:
 - Will check if there have been any changes to system of water abstraction or release;
 - CCTV investigations to be commissioned, money available from Somerset Rivers Authority, but only recently been approved. These should be front-ended as these investigations support the rest;
 - Although briefing note is a statement of intent, there will need to be a risk/benefit analysis, arising from issues identified in the s19 report, leading to funding allocation for viable solutions;
 - Because of the unexpected absence of the lead investigating officer, there was a delay to the s19 report. Now expected in approximately 1 month. It would be a summary to set out the key themes, from which more detailed investigations will be undertaken, as per the briefing.
NOTED: the contents of the briefing. The Committee is grateful to Helen Smith and Caroline Murray for providing this briefing.
- **Parishioners** - none.
- **Wider Community** - C Somerville participated in the discussion with Helen Smith.

07. FLOOD PLAN REVIEW

- Several amendments were proposed to the current Flood Plan;
- Jim advised that online training from the Met Office is available for flood wardens;
- Jim also advised that there is a local resilience forum;
RESOLVED: To accept the amendments and to incorporate them into the working draft (Cllr Parker);
RESOLVED: To identify a contact for the local resilience forum (Jim Scott).

08. OTHER BUSINESS (not on the Agenda)

- The chair informed the Committee that CPC, at its Annual General Meeting on 6 May, will be passing a resolution to (re)appoint members to the Committee.
NOTED: Current non-councillor members wish to remain as non-councillor members on the Committee.

CLOSE

The next meeting will be held on **15 June 2021 at 7pm**. Please note that this is likely to be in person, following relaxation of the covid restrictions.

Signed

Date