

MINUTES OF CROSCOMBE PARISH FLOOD COMMITTEE HELD at THE PARISH ROOMS on Thursday 20 September 2021, 7:00PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Pettitt (Clerk); A Carroll, (Carroll Environmental).

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: No members of the public were present.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN: J Scott; D Collyer.
RESOLVED To approve reasons given. Approved. S Mills; I Keys; & C Cree also sent apologies.

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. MINUTES OF CPC FLOOD COMMITTEE HELD 26 AUGUST 2021

Deferred

05. PROGRESS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Item 5i was brought forward to give Alison Carroll the opportunity to update the Committee.

- i. **Statutory Authorities:** Alison explained her environmental consultancy background to the Flood Committee. She is a member of the project group established to look at the causes of local floods and medium to long-term remedial works.

Aim is to take things forward whilst considering past events to the catchment from source. A lot of the work may be up the hill to reduce the flow rather than down in the valley. There is still a lot of information to collect before any significant work is undertaken. The project group is determined not to look at the last flood in isolation but to look more deeply at the several causes of floods over time in this catchment.

Alison highlighted several initiatives in which individuals and groups can participate.

1. Climate change and biodiversity funding is expected to become available at the end of the year for such things as trees, hedges, ponds.
 2. [The Somerset Prepared event](#) , 4-23 October , will have different presentations.
 3. Citizen Science projects are starting up with a trained recorder in the village sampling water and monitoring, with the aim to build up a network of recorders and recording into a large database. Alison invited people to talk with her if they are interested in becoming involved.
 4. The Wild Trout Trust and Rivers Trust are measuring biodiversity and water quality, monitoring a location near the school. [Data can be found on the Riverflies website](#) - search for the river - Sheppey.
 5. There will also be a programme of engagement with the school and all data sources will be co-ordinated.
- Tree planting - may not be much effect here.
 - Water butts, hedges and ponds - the more water retention the better.
 - Request that any information be sent to Alison as she is collating everything to provide a broad understanding.
 - CCTV of culverts is urgent - a proposal will be scoped in the next week or two.

- [An asset register on the Environment Agency](#) website details inspection dates and limited quality statements. A lot of channels underground are unknown, nor whose responsibility they are. The Environment Agency is responsible for the main river culverts. Noted that the reason for 2012 suggested actions not being followed through still need to be found. The boxes of survey material also need to be found. Helen showed Committee a photo evidencing a dramatic rise in rubble debris in the last two years.
- ii. **Parishioners** - Deferred
- iii. **Wider Community** - Deferred

06. FLOOD PLAN REVIEW - Deferred

07. NEXT MEETING - To be confirmed.

[NB - Meeting abandoned at 7:45pm as church bell ringing practice started up]

Signed

Date