

MINUTES OF CROSCOMBE PARISH FLOOD COMMITTEE HELD at THE PARISH ROOMS on Thursday 16 November 2021, 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cllr G Parker & J Cansdale; H Causer, P Jones, P Hodge, J Scott.

IN ATTENDANCE: G Pettitt (Clerk); Chris Cree, Darshill and Bowlsh Conservation Society (DBSC).

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: Members of the public contributed to the meeting.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN: D Collyer. E Boot.
RESOLVED To accept apologies and approve reasons given. Approved. I Keys, DBCS; A Carroll and C Murray, MDC also sent apologies.

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.

03. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC Not required.

04. MINUTES OF CPC FLOOD COMMITTEE HELD 26 AUGUST & 20 September 2021

Resolved: To confirm and sign the minutes of the Flood Committee meetings held 26 August and 20 September 2021.

05. PROGRESS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- i. **Statutory Authorities:** MDC plan 6 - 22 December CCTV inspections of culverts. Some road closures. Flood Committee will help ensure car owners know to move their cars and when closures will occur.
- ii. **Parishioners** - Noted video is now functioning and has been passed to MDC.
- iii. **Wider Community** - Chris Cree informed the meeting of DBCS monitoring of river pollution. The Environment Agency, (EA), has investigated and advised not to enter the water. Investigation is ongoing. James Heapey MP has put a question to the EA. The river appears to be negatively affected. The Committee was asked to lobby James Heapey MP, and Cllrs John Parham and Nigel Hewitt Cooper.

06. GRANT APPLICATION - Meeting agreed to apply for funding to include: a transducer; sand bags; high vis vests; sand store / 2x grit bins; road signs, eg FLOOD; SLOW; ROAD CLOSED etc.; cones; display boards; Flood Warden training.

07. FLOOD REVIEW PLAN

- i. Noted recap and removal of Paul Hodge's name from the Flood Warden list.
- ii. Cllr Parker will ask SCC when the S19 report will be finalised and published.
- iii. Cllr Parker will finish revision of Plan and circulate to Flood Committee for further comment.

08. EVENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

- i. Christmas Market - 11 December. Committee asked to provide ½ hr slots - 11am - 2pm
- ii. Communications - Plan to share using shop side of notice board for communications plan. Skittle Alley in The George can be used for flood and environmental information sharing. Clerk and Cllr Parker to set out plan.
- iii. Procedures to flood alerts. Agreed to set up a WhatsApp group. Need to establish who keeps an eye on drains - Paul Jones & Paul Hodge have done this in the past, as have other villagers. Committee to check drains in pairs with cones and on a rota especially after a storm.

08. NEXT MEETING - Next meeting 30 November 2021

- finalise the Flood Review Plan - review annually.
- Annexes to attach to the Plan e.g.
 - Flood Warden Job Description;
 - Flood Warden Training;
 - Communications Procedure on Flood Alert;
 - Actions before a flood - training in pump use; pump maintenance; check village pump whereabouts; petrol stock.
- Structure of group - Committee or Working Group to be considered.

Cllr Parker notified meeting that she will be moving from Croscombe in the New Year.

Signed

Date