

FLOOD MEETING
NOTES OF A MEETING HELD AT POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
ROOM ON WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST 2009 WHICH COMMENCED AT 7PM

Present: Cllr Cooper (Chairman), Cllr Elliott, Cllr Marron, Cllr Perry, Cllr Scaife & Cllr Sykes, Lucy Huckson and Paul Monaghan, (Environment Agency) Dennis Sawyer (retired farmer)

1. Apologies for absence were received from Peter Kite, Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Petrie and Christine Lumley.

2. There were no declarations of interest either personal or prejudicial

3. Cllr Cooper welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Lucy Huckson and Paul Monaghan to give an update from the Environment Agency. The E.A. reported receiving planning consent from ERYC to place a telemetry alarm in Jubilee Gardens. This would give warning of increased water levels giving the opportunity to get staff on site to keep the trash screen clear. Once fitted and working the Flood Incident Management Team would be looking to get a list of local people to receive such warnings and a plan would be worked out on suitable actions to be taken.

The weir outside the Co-op had not yet been lowered because they are not sure what the impact of carrying out this work would have.

Councillor Elliott felt strongly the lowering of the entrance to the culvert at the Post Office would create more flow.

The financial situation of the E.A. had changed since last year – it was now necessary for applications to be submitted on what they call streamlining schemes and the successful ones given the funding. Currently they had submitted an application for the funding of a feasibility study for Pocklington, which if successful, would see the creation of a computer model into which different scenarios could be fed. This would give a good indication of the impact of the proposed changes.

Cllr Perry understood from a previous visit by Mark Fuller that £30,000 had been allocated to schemes in Pocklington. Lucy Huckson was to enquire into the current position of this funding. Cllr Perry felt disappointed that so little work had been done. He still felt the removal of gravel from Londoin Bridge, Canal Head and the culverts would be beneficial.

The problems of Canal Head were then discussed and Cllr Cooper asked what progress had been made about the suggestion of creating a flood plain south the Canal Head. Paul Monaghan to make enquiries.

Cllr Perry suggested the council write to all riparian owners who have structures impeding the flow of the beck asking them to remove them to help the town prevent a further flood.

The E.A. then reported on getting a design for the new trash screen at London Bridge agreed but the legal authority to attach it to the bridge

from East Riding was proving difficult. It was agreed we would arrange for both parties to meet to reach an agreement. (Meeting organised in early September between ERYC & EA).

The E.A. reported that with funding from ERYC it was their intention to place manholes in Market Street and Union Street to enable better surveillance of the culvert. This had been one of the recommendations from the flood report.

Cllr Perry was still concerned that there was debris in the culvert still to be removed. Paul Monaghan to check the most recent CCTV images.

Cllr Cooper felt that we appeared to be going backwards and was bitterly disappointed the funding was now in doubt. It was agreed we would write to Mrs Kim Andrews the Area Flood Risk Manager with our concerns together with a letter to our MP asking for his assistance.

Dennis Sawyer asked if the headwall at the churchyard was to be removed as he felt this would have a beneficial effect on water flows. Lucy Huckson said she would visit and assess the likely good this would do.

Paul Monaghan reported that Yorkshire Water had agreed to remove their waterpipe from the culvert on Pavement but no timescale was known.

It was agreed that we write to Kim Andrews the Flood Risk Area Manager for the E.A. with our disappointment that funding secured last year appeared to no longer be available. We are also to write to our MP to see if he can give support to the bid for funding of the feasibility study for Pocklington.

4. There was no officer from East Riding Council to give an update.
5. The gas pipe support over London Bridge are to be repaired when the trash screen is fitted.

The date of the next meeting was yet to be fixed.

Cllr Cooper proposed the following payments be approved. 2nd Cllr Scaife and agreed.

PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION FLOOD MEETING 19TH AUGUST 2009

PTC

D/D	Plusnet	Broadband connection	16.65
B.P.	British Gas	gas	21.20
	British Gas	electricity	127.05
	G.T. Graphics	letter heads & paper	86.19
		TOTAL	251.09

PAC

104776	Momentum Pictures	Film Rental	92.00
104777	AB Electrical	Light Bulbs	33.81
104778	Department of Bob	Performance Fee	105.08
104779	YVS Wholesale	Confectionary	538.73
		TOTAL	769.62

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.