



**Minutes of a meeting of Thatcham Flood Forum Steering Group
held on Thursday 14th December 2017 at 7pm
in the Thatcham Town Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road**

Present: Iain Dunn (Chairman)
Keith Hoddinott (Noddi) (local resident)
Brian Woodham (SWMP Funding Group Chairman)
Nick Townsend (Local Resident)
Denise Kinsella (Thames Water)

It was agreed that the AGM would be deferred to the next meeting to be held on
Wednesday 28th February 2018.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Crumly and Steve Ardagh- Walter, Leo Pieri (local resident), Peter Lavarack (local resident), Ian Goodwin (local resident), Laurence Ralph (Thames Water) and Dagmara Weatherall (Thames Water).

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2017 were agreed to be an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the last meeting

There were no matters arising.

5. Thames Water

Since the last meeting, the following developments have been made by Thames Water:

5.2 Map was sent by Stuart but Thames Water require it to be more specific (and include postcodes). A revised edition is awaited by Thames Water. Noddi is to provide details of grilles he knows need attention.

5.4 Thames Water inspected the syphon at Stoney Lane / Station Road although there is no evidence that it used to be a syphon.

5.5 Thames Water have received a quote for the cleaning of the Stoney Lane syphon (under A4) which is hoped to be carried out in April (next financial year) by 'Lanes for Drains' who are Thames Water's partner for maintenance.

5.6 Denise advised that a quote has been received for the routine check of the syphon along the canal and under the railway. These checks hope to be carried out in April (next financial year).

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5.7 Denise made members aware that Thames Water cannot refuse a connection to a sewer however the team will raise concerns if necessary. For new estates, it is required that a management plan for drainage which developers can then ask Thames Water to adopt. Before adopting, Thames Water would assess the plan against set criteria and processes. Denise is to ask Dagmara as to whether impact assessments are requested at the outline or detailed planning stage.

5.8 Stuart has met with Thames Water regarding as to whether Thames Water could contribute towards funding, as flood defense schemes tie in with and could benefit Thames Water infrastructure. Modelling would need to be carried out by Thames Water when all the information has been received. A response by Thames Water by June / July 2018 would be favorable to fit in with the timing of the next schemes (Dunston Park and SETFAS).

Appreciation was given to Thames Water for attending the Flood Forum meetings.

6. Surface Water Management Plan for Thatcham

Tull Way Scheme- Construction is almost complete and is expected to be fully operational by Spring 2018. Grass has grown on the spillway and signed off by the Panel engineer.

Dunston Park- Early contractor involvement in January 2018 with the scheme starting in Spring 2018. Planning permission has been obtained and awaiting a contract letter.

SETFAS- The scheme is currently going through the planning process with early contractor involvement from January 2018 (same contractor as the Dunston Park scheme). Stuart Clark to send updated map of all schemes to Denise.

7. Fundraising

No updates.

8. Any other business

The press event for the unveiling of the Tull Way Flood Alleviation Scheme is to be carried out on 18th December 2017 at 10.30am.

It was suggested that the scheme (Seige Cross element of SETFAS) could be dedicated to Councillor Roger Croft.

9. Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting Wednesday 28th February 2018 at 7pm in the Thatcham Town Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.21pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____