



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

Present: Iain Dunn (Chairman)
Brian Barnes (local resident)
Councillor Richard Crumly (Thatcham Town Council representative)
Ian Goodwin (local resident)
Keith Hoddinott (Noddi) (local resident)
Peter Lavarack (local resident)
Brian Woodham (SWMP Funding Group Chairman)

In attendance: Mel Alexander (Thatcham Town Council Officer)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Steve Ardagh-Walter (Thatcham Town Council representative), Leo Pieri and Nick Townsend (local residents).

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2016 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the last meeting

There were no matters arising.

5. Conferences

- a) Noddi circulated a report regarding the National Flood Forum Conference "How can planners, developers and communities work together to build safer places for the future?" that he attended on 1st February 2017. It had been an intense day covering a diverse range of occurrences. The majority of delegates were from voluntary organisations rather than local authorities.

Noddi drafted a letter to Thames Water and it was agreed that this be signed by the Chairman and sent.

The Chairman thanked Noddi for attending and updating the Forum.

- b) It was decided not to send a delegate to the conference in central London on 27th April 2017 that sought to "bring together a selection of flooding and resilience specialists, to examine the latest plans for reducing the risk and impact of flooding."

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6. Surface Water Management Plan for Thatcham

The following updates on the Surface Water Management Plan for Thatcham were noted:

Tull Way Scheme – work still on track to complete in 2017.

Dunstan Park Scheme – May not complete in 2018, subject to further discussions with West Berkshire Council and the Environment Agency.

South East Thatcham Flood Alleviation Scheme – West Berkshire Council to submit Project Appraisal Report to the Environment Agency by the end of March 2017.

There was recognised scope for beneficial schemes north of Bowling Green Road and Siege Cross Farm. Funding had been applied for.

7. Proposed Developments

No updates to report.

8. Fundraising

It was agreed that there was a desire to continue fundraising but to await an update on progress with the Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership.

9. Any other business

The Chairman requested that a review of the Flood Forum's Action Plan be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

10. Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting Wednesday 19th April 2017, 7pm in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____