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Land Drainage Liaison Group

Held at Meeting Room 1, Ryedale House, Malton
on Wednesday 11 February 2015

Present

Councillors P J Andrews, Mrs Cowling, Cussons (Chairman) and Mrs Keal.

D Hamlin, I Cooke, C Bowles, K Stevenson, H Keal, M Potter, P Fisher and A Nutt

In Attendance

Nicki Lishman and Phil Long

Minutes

41 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Acomb, Raper and Wainwright, Mr P Milner and Mr S Edwards.

42 Declarations

Councillor Andrews declared an interest as he had attended anti-fracking meetings. Councillor Mrs Cowling declared an interest as she owned a business affected by flooding. Councillor Mrs Keal and Mr H Keal declared an interest as residents affected by flooding.

43 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2014 were approved as a correct record.

P Fisher updated the Group on the history of the installation of Kirkham Weir, which had been installed in the late 1940s - early 1950s. Prior to that the Derwent had been navigable through to Malton. The weir had been installed to maintain the river at the same levels as the previous lock system.

44 Eden Road Cattle Mart Development

Gary Housden, Head of Planning and Housing at Ryedale District Council, outlined the state of the planning applications for the development of a new livestock market and business park at Edenhouse Road, Old Malton and the associated outline residential development for up to 35 dwellings on land south of Westgate, Old Malton.

The granting of the outline permissions has not been formally issued and will include conditions to promote sustainable drainage solutions, surface water run off limitations and numerous other conditions.

There was no requirement from any of the statutory consultees for a condition to be imposed on the developer to undertake any further monitoring of watercourses in the vicinity of the sites.

A full discussion on the issues followed.

ACTION: that the Corporate Director liaises with the multi agencies to consider the impact of surface water run off.

45 **Malton, Norton & Old Malton Flood Study - Malton and Norton Multi Agency Flood Group**

Kathy Stevenson, Lead Local Flood Authority Officer NYCC, gave an update on the scope of Malton, Norton and Old Malton Flood Study.

The consultants would be holding a community consultation event in March at the Milton Rooms, Malton. Residents were encouraged to attend to validate the anecdotal evidence.

The consultants' short, medium and long term potential solutions would then be presented to the Ryedale Area Committee (NYCC) on 10 June 2015.

46 **Norton railway crossing**

Kathy Stevenson, Lead Local Flood Authority Officer NYCC, gave an update on the provision of a permanent conduit for pumping flood water at Norton railway crossing.

Concerns were raised by members of the Group that a significant amount of railway works had already been completed by Network Rail and other works were scheduled for later in February, without the conduit being installed.

In addition, the Tour de Yorkshire was due to pass through Norton in May 2015 and Norton Town Council hoped that resurfacing works on Church Street would be done before this.

47 **Rye Mouth desilting**

Ian Cooke, Environment Agency, gave an update on the desilting of Ryemouth.

It was hoped that the works would be completed by the end of March. Any cause for delay would mean that the work would probably be postponed until October due to other environmental factors.

Mr Cooke assured the group that there would be no negative impacts from the work wither up or down stream.

48 **Bund Progress**

Dean Hamlin, Environment Agency, advised the group that it was hoped that work at Pickering Bund would recommence in spring/summer 2015.

Works was approximately 80% complete but had to be postpone over the winter period due to health and safety concerns with the conditions at the site.

The EA would continue to monitor the river for debris etc to ensure that no blockages were caused in the meantime.

The EA were also planning to raise the height of the wall in Hungate as part of the flood defence programme and would be consulting with residents and business owners in the near future.

49 **Fracking**

Mike Potter gave a presentation on concerns and the possible implications of fracking in Ryedale.

ACTION: invite an officer from the Environment Agency to brief the Group on potential contamination of water caused by fracking.

50 **Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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