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MINUTES OF PLANNING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY USING MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY 30TH JUNE 2020

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings (England and Wales) regulations 2020 (“the Regulations”) came into force on 4th April 2020. The Regulations enable local councils to hold remote meetings (including by video and telephone conferencing) for a specified period until May next year.

PRESENT: Cllrs Wallace (Chairman), Hare, Henly, Lawson (via telephone conference) & Trembling (intermittently due to internet connection).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L Underwood (Deputy Clerk), Mrs H Knight (Clerk) & 1 member of the public (via telephone conference).

The meeting opened at 1.02pm

147. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Kay & Kipp.

148. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

There were no changes to Register of Interests.

149. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no public speakers.

150. LOCAL PLAN PREPARATION INFORMATION REQUEST – INFRASTRUCTURE & SETTLEMENT SUSTAINABILITY

Members received a request of assistance from HDC with their Infrastructure Delivery Plan Update & Settlement Sustainability Review. The PCP had been asked for their input which the Deputy Clerk entered onto the HDC Infrastructure Requirements spreadsheet.

One of the infrastructure projects raised by the PCP was flooding on the A29 at Swan Bridge. Cllr. Wallace had sent a paper to Members earlier today regarding the earth bunds, which were installed beside the Arun, south of Pulborough by the Environment Agency during the 1980's and were repaired about seven years ago. Bunds have the effect of raising the riverbanks by approximately four feet in height, thus preventing the Arun Flood Plain from providing it's intended protection.

The raised banking produces a channelling effect, which raises the height of water during periods of severe weather with heavy rain causing increased water volumes. These flows then meet an increased level of incoming tides from the coast. These higher volumes of incoming water are developed during the regular moon cycles of Spring tides shortly after full moons, or during low atmospheric pressure areas, which cause higher water levels, or during strong south westerly gales, which drive increased water volumes up the English Channel. Often, during winter storms, a combination of all these three characteristics are experienced.

Cllr. Wallace's suggested solution is to excavate through the bund in the positions suggested on a map, sent to Members with the paper, permitting the insertion of large diameter concrete pipes, which can then be held in place by restoring the bund path with earth. The same should apply to the bunds south of the River Stor. This would need to be discussed with the SDNPA, Parham Parish Council and the RSPB, so that combined action can be organised. Local farmers will also need to be included in the discussions.

Since the Environment Agency has decided to abrogate its responsibility, there is some debate about which agency is now liable to carry out this work.

After some discussion, Cllr. Wallace advised that he will try to find out whose responsibility this is and the matter can be taken forward at a later date. Members then **AGREED** to add the following to the infrastructure requirement schedule:

- *Relevant authorities need to be contacted to discuss this ongoing issue – PPC will look at formulating project ideas in due course. More details to follow.*

Cllr. Lawson requested that Cllr. Wallace's paper and maps be sent to her by post.

Further discussion was held on the infrastructure requirements and the separately attached spreadsheet, Appendix A, will be submitted to HDC.

Members also reviewed the Settlement Sustainability Review and made updates and comments, separate Appendix B attached, which will also be submitted to HDC.

The Deputy Clerk will send all documents to be submitted to HDC to Members for their final approval before being sent.

The meeting closed at 1.58pm

.....Chairman

.....Date