

Egmanton Parish Meeting

Village Hall – 8.00 pm 5th December 2019

Minutes – unadopted

In attendance

Officials:- Andrew Banks, Chairman, John Smith, Clerk & Honorary Treasurer, DC Sylvia Michael, Neil Kemble, chief engineer TVIDB

Members of the public

Mr J Oliver, Mr & Mrs J Tate, Mr J Bower, Mr P Mee, Mr C Banks, Mr R Beckitt, Mrs M Beckitt, Mrs M Haigh, Mr & Mrs S Taylor-Edwards, Mr & Mrs S Bunnell, Mr R Lowe, Mr P Johnson, Mr D Hitching, Mr & Mrs P Featherstone, Mr A Jones, Mrs S Taylor, Ms L Brindle, Miss S Brindle, Mr L Boarer

Apologies

CC Mike Pringle, Mrs J Smith, Mr K Taylor

Approval of minutes of meeting held on 7th November 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising

Correspondence

In relation to the three pieces of correspondence described below, the clerk would forward the detail to anyone on request.

- A notice had been delivered to all residents dated 9th November 2019 informing the purchase of land by TVIDB needed to site the flood defence embankment
- NSDC asked organisations to advise them of any event celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE Day
- The clerk had three separate legal briefing papers on aspects of local government covering abuse of councillors, data protection and disciplinary identification

Flood alleviation: description of scheme by TVIDB

Mr Neil Kemble advised that following purchase of the land site and preparatory exploration work, tenders would now be issued and depending on ground conditions, the scheme would commence sometime in the period March to May 2020. He described in detail the ground and engineering features of the project intended to hold up to 22,000 cu mtrs of water. He felt comfortable about a satisfactory outcome although no guarantees were possible. The primary objective was a significant improvement to the safety of Egmanton residents from water invasion post completion of the scheme. The anticipated period of disruption during the works was 10-12 weeks. The first task was to intercept existing field drains which would be re-graded. It was anticipated that the sheltered land would flood once per year on average. Over time the engineering features would be re-tuned especially in relation to the size of the pipe orifice. Once completed, the embankment and channels would be fenced to facilitate maintenance and the land mass sold off with appropriate protective covenants.

Mr Kemble answered questions from the floor relating to

- The overall dam size and capacity (less than 25,000 cu mtrs)
- Protection possibilities from other sources of water invasion aside from Kirton Road (not part of TVIDB remit unless affecting beck)
- The depth of water within the holding area (1.2 to 1.3 meters)

- Future maintenance of scheme (TVIDB responsibility)
- Responsibility of landowners to clear water courses (legislative powers exist)
- Repair of the beck bank on Weston Road (plan delayed due to storm damage priority programme)
- Service supply lines across the beck impeding water flow (legislative powers exist for use in severe cases)

The chair thanked Mr Kemble for his report and time taken to address questions.

Beck water level alert – draft action procedure

The clerk reported that this was work-in-progress liaising with a resident of Laxton who has one alert box installed and with a possibility of a second. The technology best suited to activating an efficient alert signal was under review. Key to anticipating a future flood occasion was studying statistics of rainfall and consequential water levels. He would update the meeting as events unfolded

Up to 50 free trees for the village

This offer from NSDC related to five species of tree and has a deadline of 21st February 2020. After discussion several residents expressed a wish to take some of the trees and the clerk agreed to order all 50 split equally between the five varieties

Reports from County and District Councillor

DC Sylvia Michael explained the principal change to the NSDC Scheme of Delegation as described by the clerk at the previous meeting. She, as ward councillor, would in future be involved in circumstances where the local council's view on planning consent varied from that of the planning officer (cases of up to 9 dwellings). Highway England have installed electric charging points at two locations in Newark (Riverside and Appleton Gate) and a third is planned for Castle House.

AOB

A resident requested trimming of the willow tree on the becks side opposite the public house. The clerk to refer this to CC Mike Pringle. Also, the need for a road sweep due to gravel washed onto the highway opposite the church. There was much criticism of vehicles passing through the village without due care on 7th November in apparent ignorance of the extra wash from tyres. The clerk handed to DC Sylvia Michael a list of properties invaded by flood water on that date (23 in total)

The date of the next meeting will be 9th January 2020

The meeting closed at 9.14 pm.

Signed Chair

Date