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Notes of the Redbourne Flooding Update meeting held at 11.00am on Thursday 6th May 2021, via Microsoft Teams.

Present:

Ward Councillors:	Cllr Neil Poole Cllr Trevor Foster Cllr John England
NLC Officers	Chris Ramsbottom - Head of Service Assets and Infrastructure Alan Drury - North Lincs Council Mike Brown – North Lincs Council Mike Simpson – North Lincs Council Mick Johnson – North Lincs Council Mark Drust – North Lincs Council
Redbourne Parish Council:	Cllr Lynn Wainwright, Chair. Holly Hanson, Clerk to Redbourne Parish Council

4 members of the public attended.

Chris Ramsbottom opened the meeting.

Mike Brown gave an update on works progress to date.

Proposed new headwall and trash screen and associated culvert works at B1206 – The Design of the headwall and Trash screen located off the B1206 is complete.

A Bill of Quantity for the trash screen/headwall works has been produced and issued to the Internal Drainage Board Contractors for pricing. Prices have now been received.

This headwall and trash screen works will need to be implemented following construction of the Upstream Storage Pond and downstream relief channel works in order to mitigate against any further exceedance events.

Downstream flood mitigation works (Emmerson House area) – Design and modelling works have been completed to restore and increase capacity through the existing channel within the curtilage of Emmerson House.

A meeting between NLC / IDB Contractor has been held on site to discuss access/egress, site storage etc for delivery of works within this area. It is noted that machinery is unable to access the site within Emmerson House direct due to the Lych Gate. NLC have provided a drawing and provisional details to the private Landowner with regards to access and permissions for the Emmerson House channel works.

Following this site meeting, the IDB Contractor took away Specifications for materials (Channel sets etc) required and is making enquiries with suppliers regarding the lead-in of these materials.

Early May 2021, once information is received from the Contractor regarding material lead-in times NLC will issue BoQ's and drawings for pricing.

Trial holes and ground investigation have been carried out within the PRoW to ascertain location of utilities. A meeting with the NLC Arbor Team has been carried out on site to ascertain any tree works required within this area to enable delivery of works.

Early June 2021, receipt of pricing, internal assessment by NLC and sign off.

July 2021 commence works on site, this programmed start date is dependent on legal issues been fully resolved and relevant permissions in place.

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Downstream flood mitigation works (Relief Channel) – The Design of the downstream relief channel element is now complete. NLC Estates & Property Team are currently engaged in negotiations with the Landowners regarding land acquisition options. The programme and delivery of this phase of works will follow on from any such agreements.

A15 Island Plantation flood storage area – The design of the upstream storage element, following input and investigation by NLC has been completed.

NLC are currently engaged in negotiations with the Landowners regarding land acquisition options. The programme and delivery of this phase of works will follow on from any such agreements.

Further updates to the drawing have been issued to the Landowner. A request for the proposed site extent to be pegged out has been passed by NLC to the Topographical survey Company for which we are currently awaiting a response.

Appropriate landscaping and management of the upstream storage element pond to be finalised and agreed in consultation with landowner, the details of which are currently under discussion and will be progressed through direct discussion with the landowner.

Cllr Poole summarised that the issue now was around permissions and without those in place nothing can progress, Cllr Poole requested an update from landowners.

A landowner commented that they were still awaiting information from NLC around the relief channel and also the compound for works at Emmerson House, and that partial information had only been received 2 days prior to the meeting.

Chris Ramsbottom stated that these issues were being dealt with by the Estates Team.

Cllr Poole stated that NLC needed to provide the required details so that the project could move forward.

Cllr England commented that the relief channel was fairly simple and low cost, so should be prioritised so residents could see that something was progressing.

Mike Brown stated that works to the Attenuation Pond and Relief Channel are currently part of legal process, and the only works that could be started were those at Emmerson House, however they required access over private land.

Cllr Foster commented that historically there had been an issue with communications, which although now rectified, but has now been replaced with a roadblock with the Estates team. Cllr Foster raised that despite his request at the April meeting there was still no representative of Estates at the meeting.

Chris Ramsbottom stated that there would be little information that the Estates Team could give as they are involved in confidential legal discussions.

Another Landowner commented that they were also awaiting information from NLC and wished it to be noted that it was not Landowners that were blocking progress on the scheme.

Cllr Wainwright stated that she felt that Landowners were being treated very unfairly as NLC were trying to place the onus on Landowners and pressing them for a decision with information missing or being sent at very short notice.

Chris Ramsbottom responded that there was a start date of July, and only a couple of issues to resolve ahead of that.

Comments were raised around there being no mention of replacement culverts, highlighting that flooding is caused by restrictions to flow. Key elements of the plan are missing which still places homes in Beck Lane at risk.

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Cllr Wainwright also stated that the entire focus at present was on Emmerson House, stating that images from the 1914 flood showed flooding at Beck Lane, which was before Emmerson House was built. Attenuation of the water coming into the Village was the key issue, and until that is resolved, only those downstream of Emmerson House will benefit.

Mike Brown commented that the Attenuation Pond would reduce flow into the Village, and that Emmerson House had been identified as an issue, and was one that could be addressed immediately as there were no legal issues.

Cllr Wainwright stated that it was the belief of one of the Landowners that the relief channel would be unnecessary if issues at Emmerson House were resolved.

In addition, the drawings of the Attenuation Pond do not show the detail of diameter of the outlet and queried when these details would be circulated.

Alan Drury stated that they were awaiting final designs and would circulate as soon as the information was available.

Cllr Wainwright commented that the grid size of the trash screen had doubled and queried whether this increase in size would just move the issue of debris elsewhere and place the responsibility for clearance on riparian owners.

Cllr Wainwright also queried what had happened to the 3 weir steps that served to speed the water through the Village.

Chris Ramsbottom stated that NLC had no knowledge of this as it was historic information.

Cllr Poole asked that Officers circulate an explanation, in layman's terms, of the methodology used to calculate the capacity of the Attenuation Pond, how has it been determined what size it is and that this will be sufficient citing the very large catchment area.

Chris Ramsbottom committed to circulate this information.

Cllr Wainwright commented that the works to install the dropped kerb at the trash screen had left the area in a poor state.

Mark Drust responded that reinstatement would take place at phase 2 of the installation.

Alan Drury stated that the phasing of works was to Emmerson House, Trash Screen and works to the PROW in July with designs for the culverts to follow.

A landowner raised that there was a large quantity of water coming from a pipe under the valve in the pond and queried where this water was coming from.

Mark Drust responded that NLC were currently investigating this as they currently did not know where it came from.

The landowner went on to comment that the Attenuation Pond would require a comprehensive maintenance plan in order to function properly, as once it becomes full it has served its purpose.

Chris Ramsbottom closed the meeting stating that meetings would be fortnightly going forwards and there was still a lot of issues to resolve.