

# Gorleston Area Committee

## Minutes

Tuesday, 07 March 2017 at 18:00

Present:

Councillor Wainwright (In the Chair), Councillors Borg, Fairhead, Grey, Pratt, B Walker, Williamson and Wright (Great Yarmouth Borough Councillors)

Councillor A Grey, Plant and C Walker (Norfolk County Councillors)

PCSO 8171 and PCSO 8497 (Norfolk Constabulary)

Julie Woods (Community Development Officer), Glenn Buck (Environmental Services Group Manager) and Karline Smith (Member Services Officer) (Great Yarmouth Borough Council Officers).

Mark Ogden (Norfolk County Council Flood and Water Management)

Simon Love (Anglia Water Head of Collection Services), Hugh Crerand (Anglia Water, Operational Manager Norfolk East), Justin Arnold (Anglia Water, Customer Liaison Manager).

34 Members of the public attended.

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Emma- Flaxman, Councillor Rodwell and Pc Bladon.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2016 were confirmed.

#### **4 MATTERS ARISING**

(i) Councillor Plant reported that there would be an open day at the Forum in Norwich by Highways England to announce the work they would be carrying out to roundabouts in Great Yarmouth such as the Vauxhall Roundabout.

(ii) A Member of the public asked for an update on the progress of the Kennedy Avenue/ Wadham Road schemes and it was reported that the consultation had now completed and that work would start in the near future.

#### **5 WHITE HORSE ROUNDABOUT**

The Head of Sewage Collection at Anglian Water reported that Anglian Water was taking the matter of flooding at the White Horse roundabout seriously and that they were exploring a solution which they thought would cost in the region of £1.2m and could include solutions such as off line storage to take the waste when flash flooding takes place and then place this into the sewers later, hydro breaks to slow the flow and divert the flows to other places. Although this is a complex issue it was hoped that it would be resolved by September 2019. Anglian Water were looking at partnership working with other agencies and were looking at an alternative route for the sewage to get to the Suffolk Road pumping station.

Anglian Water reported that they would look at each property individually and would look at property level protection measures like covering air bricks and diverting roofwater.

Mark Odgen from Norfolk County Council Flood Management Team stated that Norfolk County Council has a statutory duty to investigate any property that has been flooded. They also work on projects with Anglian Water and Great Yarmouth Borough Council on areas across the borough including the White Horse roundabout area.

It was reported that the Highways Agency had stated that in Coastal Towns they would carry out work to alleviate the road water being taken away.

Glen Buck from Great Yarmouth Borough Council Environmental Services reported that Great Yarmouth Borough Council works in partnership with Norfolk County Council, Anglian Water and others such as the Internal Drainage Board to help identify problems and to suggest and comment on solutions. The Borough Council continues to seek resolution with the responsible agencies on behalf of the residents and ask the local residents if they do get flooded to contact the Borough Council and they would pass all the details onto Norfolk County Council and to Anglian Water.

Mark Odgen reported that due to budgetary constraints the Highways Agency have reduced the amount of drain clearing that they carry out and the gulleys are now only cleared once a year.

Councillor Williamson stated that flooding in the White Horse area has increased even in prolonged rain. The dike behind Burgh Road is also full and asked what the internal drainage board would be doing to help with this.

A resident reported that in August 2016 there was flash flooding on Burgh Road and when they called Anglian Water they told them to ring Norfolk County Council who was responsible. Concern was also expressed at houses on Burgh Road smelling inside of Sewage from the drains and toilets. One resident stated that they were flooded with sewage in their house and they had an 11 week old baby in the house at the time and Anglian Water refused to pump their house out or clear it up as they said that it was diluted down.

It was agreed that a leaflet of numbers to call would be passed onto the Council to distribute to the local residents.

Anglian Water reported on their Property Level Protection rolling programme stating that they would be happy to provide the Council with a progress report every 2 months and attend the area committee again in 6-9 months time to give a verbal update.

The Norfolk Constabulary Representatives asked if the public could also call the police so that they can stop traffic driving through the water and flooding the houses more.

The Chairman thanked the Anglian Water representatives for attending the meeting.

## **6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

### **(i) High street Toilets**

A member of the public asked what was happening with the public toilets in the High Street and it was reported that these were being refurbished.

### **(ii) Drugs**

A Member of the public stated that drug dealing was still taking place on Palmer Road on Iceland Car Park and the police representatives stated that the police had not received any calls about this in the last 3 months. They reported that Friday nights were the worst. It was suggested that this be raised at the next SNAP meeting which would be held on Wednesday 15 March 2017 at St Peters Church. The police also asked if members of the public could call then when they believe that a drugs deal may be taking place so that the police can then attend.

Councillor C Walker reported that there was also a drugs problem on Stuart Close and asked if this area could be given attention.

### **(iii) Parking Kennedy Avenue**

A Member of the public reported that there were parking issues on Kennedy

Avenue where people are parking on the double yellow lines and blocking driveways. Councillor Wainwright agreed to ask the Council's Car Parking Services to look at this area. Concern was also expressed at people parking on the Magdalen Square and driving around the children's play area. Concern was also expressed at disabled people parking incorrectly.

## **7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The next meeting would be held on 27 June 2017 at 6.30pm.

The meeting ended at: 19:27