

MINUTES

Name of Meeting	Lincolnshire Riparian Working Group – Meeting 6	
Location/Platform	Via Microsoft Teams	
Date and Time	28/04/2021 (10:30-12:30)	
Apologies	Anthony Adams; Tammy Smalley	
Attendees		
Alan Drury (AD)	Matthew Harrison (MH)	Richard Fenwick (RF)
Bohdan Dawyd (BD)	Nicola Craven (NC)	Ryan Davies (RD)
Daniel Harrison (DH)	Paul Brookes (PB)	
James Grant (JG)	Paul Jones (PJ)	
John Ray (JR)	Pete Rogers (PR)	
Mark Drust (MD)	Phil Jordan (PJ)	

1	Apologies for Absence
	<p>(1) Apologies were received from Anthony Adams and Tammy Smalley.</p> <p>(2) RD informed the group that, due to resource constraints, West Lindsey District Council would no longer be participating within the Lincolnshire Riparian Working Group (LRWG).</p>
2	Welcome and Protocol
	<p>(1) The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, explained the meetings protocol and invited introductions.</p>
3	Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 24th March 2021
	<p>(1) The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th March 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.</p>
4	Long Bennington Case Study
	<p>(1) PR and PJ presented a development case study at Long Bennington. During the detailed discussion it was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The developer had managed to secure, via legal agreement, rights to improve the existing watercourse; • During the planning process, developers can be asked to prove that the receiving watercourse is adequate; • Landowners have to accept flood flows through their land, although they do not have to accept increased runoff as a result of development; however, this stance does become complicated when watercourses are not of natural origin.

5	<p>Feedback from EA Riparian Roles and Responsibilities Workshop</p>
	<p>(1) PJ and RD provided an overview of the Environment Agency (EA) Riparian Roles and Responsibilities Workshop held on the 22nd April 2021. For recollection purposes, the following brief summary is provided:</p> <p>The proposition of the EA is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an engagement resource on watercourse roles and responsibilities which contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nationally approved and consistent content ○ Locally bespoke information • In the form of an adaptable template, which can be printed to support and enhance, face to face conversations. <p>During the workshop the function and form of the engagement resource was discussed alongside wider issues relating to riparian landownership.</p> <p>The future steps promoted by the EA are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short summary of the main points arising from the meeting; • Reflection on outcomes; • Development of specification; • Additional workshops.
6	<p>Update from Questionnaire Sub-group</p>
	<p>(1) PJ and RD provided an update on the Parish / Town Council questionnaire. It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Parish / Town Councils, which cover key residential areas, have been added to the studies population; • The questionnaire documentation is currently being finalised and will be distributed after the election period; • The National Farmers Union, Internal Drainage Boards and Parish / Town Councils could be utilised to disseminate the riparian landowner questionnaire. <p>(2) It was agreed that:</p> <p>Action 1 – DH would provide RD with a list of additional Parish / Town Councils that North East Lincolnshire Council would like to include within the study;</p> <p>Action 2 – RD would revise the studies population and questionnaire documentation in light of received feedback.</p>

7	Update on 'Fly Tipping Garden Waste in Watercourses' Article
	(1) RD informed the group that work on the article would be on-going until after the election period.
8	Review of Action Plan & Next Steps
	<p>(1) The group discussed, reviewed and updated the existing Action Plan. Following on from this the chairman encouraged all members of the LRWG to take ownership of specific tasks.</p> <p>(2) It was agreed that:</p> <p>Action 3 – All members of the group would develop a 'long list' of actions that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses the barriers identified by the LRWG; • They would like to see considered by the LRWG.
9	Any Other Business
	(1) JG questioned whether Community Charges could be utilised to highlight riparian responsibilities.
10	Date & Time of Next Meeting
	<p>(1) JR requested the LRWG to consider changing the days which meetings are held. It was agreed that:</p> <p>Action 4 – RD would circulate a 'Doodle' poll to ascertain the dates of future meetings.</p>