



Minutes of meeting of 3 members of Calstock Parish Council and the Environment Agency held on **Tuesday 26 June 2018** at the **Tamar Valley Centre** commencing at 1030.

Those present were- Cllr Latham, Cllr Kirk, Cllr Tinto and Miss S Lemon (Clerk) - minutes Dan Boswell and Julian Houghton – Brookes - Environment Agency

Matters arising:

EA proposal – please see PA18/04844 & PA18/04843

The EA were concerned that it had been reported to them that the Parish Council felt that they had been ignored and poorly treated and felt this meeting would clear the air and create more understanding between the two parties. The PC felt that this was not a fair reflection of how they felt and were just robustly questioning a presenter who has not been directly involved in community negotiations at another meeting.

The following aspects of the proposal were spoken about:

- The bund will fail at some stage. This solution to this is the proposal that the EA have made.
- If nothing is done and the bund does fail, there will be a real issue and a solution then will be far more difficult to be solved. EA have already spent £400k to repair and there are no more resources available for flood defence, only for habitat renewal.
- The PC are happy to facilitate stakeholder management and arrange a meeting to help solve the problem of management for the area after the EA have finished.
- The PC are worried about the maintenance and liability of any structure where there will be a need for a legacy plan without anyone taking responsibility in the long term.
- Cllr Kirk wants to see an in-depth study on the effects of the proposal on the river and the EA have said this is being undertaken by an expert at Plymouth University.
- The EA concluded that they cannot afford for everyone to take a step back and that we all must work in partnership to make this work. The potential partners and sources of funding for this project were discussed at length. Meetings and contacts with various agencies are already in place but the issue of future management and finance is not resolved. There is not an endless supply of money and this proposal goes into a national pot vying for funding, so it must be economically viable.

ACTIONS:

- EA to provide the PC with contacts of stakeholders of other schemes they have set up if they are able
- PC to set up a meeting with all interested parties to facilitate stakeholder management.
- Cllr Kirk to speak to Paul Allen regarding structural inspections

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1145.

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