

Notes from PC/GEFAG meeting with the EA 13/12/17

Present:

Parish Councillors

Lesley Jefferey (LJ)  
Tony Everington (TE)  
Chris Cope (CC)

GEFAG reps

Roger Crafts (RC )  
Andy Harrison (AH)

EA

Morgan Wray (MW)  
Hash Rai (HR)

Apologies from Andrew Disney (EA) and David Ellis (GEFAG)

HR updated on progress with the Outline Business Case ( OBC).

Four options are being appraised:

- 1) The bund as proposed across the Severn Trent land upstream of the Cocker Beck to protect to a 1 in 75 year risk level
- 2) that same bund associated with
  - a) permanent protective bund along Trentside
  - b) a reduction in the outer bund defence for Shelford village
  - c) a reduction in the inner bund defence for Shelford village

Added to the above, MW confirmed that modelling appraisals would include the 1 in 50 year flood protective bund height (it is recognised that at this height of bunding there would be much less likelihood of a Trentside protection being needed whilst still significantly reducing the frequency of A6097 closure and the village being marooned whilst still protecting houses and businesses along the A6097)

HR described the need for a review of river bed channels ( last done 1992) to re assess the flow of water/ degree of silting which might influence the flood modelling being undertaken.

TE reminded about the reverse flows in the Cocker Beck at the time of river flood and the water flow issues associated with dykes, ditches and drains that need to be addressed as part of any appraisal.

Costs of bunding material and possible local sources;  
CC confirmed the existence of a clay layer about 1 metre thick in at least some of this area of the river valley. LJ agreed the PC would look into this.

Discussion about possible future gravel extraction in Shelford.. LJ agreed that GEFAG and the community would be alerted if the PC are informed about any extraction proposals in order that we can all argue the case for downstream flood protection mitigation as a 'planning gain' if this goes ahead.

(as an aside LJ also confirmed that MW for the EA would review the planning consent process relevant to the new works being undertaken at the garage near the Gunthorpe Main St/ A6097 junction)

Emergency planning was discussed. AH due to meet with Rob Fisher (and Roger Fell) about this. He will update subsequently.

The OBC is due to be completed early next year. HR will update with progress there and another meeting will be convened.

Andy Harrison on behalf of GEFAG