

## Slowing the Flow at Pickering

### PROGRAMME DELIVERY GROUP MEETING

The Mill Suite, Memorial Hall Pickering

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2010

11.00 - 12.30

### MINUTES

1. Present: Simon Marrington, Vince Carter (chair), Tom Nisbet, Jon Bates, Jeremy Dick, Jeff Pacey, Lucy Huckson, Andy Haigh, Rachel Pickering, David Steel, Neil Hugill, Mike Potter, Peter Croot, Liz Newbronner.

Apologies received: Gordon Clitheroe, Mark Young, David Rees, Howard Keal, Nigel Trotter, Stuart Lane, Nick Odoni.

2. The Work Programme: Selected measures, action points for progress report and discussion:

**LWD dam construction Cropton forest** - SM briefed the group on construction of debris dams in Cropton East (Pickering Beck catchment). A team of National Park Modern Apprentices began this work on 12/710 and will continue for two weeks. A further build is scheduled in October/November during the Apprentices next work placement with FC England

**Sinnington/River Seven** - TN confirmed that the Seven modelling report including the results of the cross-sectional channel survey should be completed (by HT) by the end of August.

AH informed the group of EA's intention to explore suggestions raised at the Sinnington community flooding workshop in January. Works to improve conveyance in and around Sinnington village are being considered using funds from local levy. More details to follow at the next meeting.

**Bunded Storage Pickering Beck** - a presentation/briefing which she confirmed that a presentation was given to members of Ryedale District Council Planning and Resources Committee on June 15<sup>th</sup> by JP, SM and herself. As a result of this meeting RDC will be taking the preferred bunded storage option forward as a

funding proposal to full council on 28<sup>th</sup> July. The preferred option is to construct Bunds 2, 3 and a cross-bund, with a restriction in the channel to 15 cumecs. Total cost is expected to be £950k, with RDC funding £800k and the remainder from EA via local levy. All still subject to landowner/compensation agreements, depending on the detailed design up to three landowners may be directly affected. (general discussion follows)

### 3. AOB

VC - Woodland Trust have property in the project area and are keen to contribute as appropriate.

**ACTION POINT:** VC to follow up with SM.

MP - what is the state of play with the mini-bund idea?

TN - it wasn't part of the original project proposal but it is possible we can trial this idea on a limited scale if funding was available.

MP - can we make sure we explore this possibility?

**ACTION POINT:** TN to follow up with SL/NO as appropriate and seek clarification on how advanced the research is on this concept.

TN - just to inform the group the Defra annual report is due (in hand) and that the project was represented via a joint paper and presentation given by myself at the FCRM10 conference at the end of June. Also hopefully the gauging equipment will be installed next month in order to assess the benefits of the land management measures.

### 4. Confirm Dates/Locations for Future Meetings

Next meeting scheduled for 11am Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September @ Pickering Memorial Hall, tbc via email nearer the time.