

MINUTES OF THE SEVERN HAM COMMITTEE HELD ON
25th FEBRUARY 2016, AT 9.00am

Present: Councillors P. Aldridge (Chairman),
Independent members Mr J. Lucas, Mr T. Perry and Mr A. Purkiss

Ms C. Corsie Adviser to the Working Group

1. Apologies

Councillors J. Badham, Miss K. Brennan, R. Mills and K. Powell,

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Dispensations

None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

5. Work Programme

The Committee considered the work programme

RESOLVED: - that

- i. the report be noted
- ii. the Environment Agency be invited to the next meeting to update on the weir project

6. Delegations

In light of the Town Clerk's impending departure it was

RESOLVED: - that delegations in relation to the Severn Ham be assigned to Caroline Corsie until the new Town Clerk is appointed. Specifically, in consultation with the Chairman, manage

- Any emergency issues
- Oversee the hay auction
- Manage the projects identified in the work programme

7. Future Management of the Severn Ham

The Committee considered future funding ideas for the protection and improvement of the Severn Ham as a national asset

RESOLVED: - that a working group be set up to examine the different options to ensure the successful future management of the Ham. The group to consist of Councillor Aldridge, Mr A Purkiss, Mr J Lucas, Ms A Swanson, Natural England and Adam Taylor Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

8. Budget Position

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that the SPS payment was late and was still outstanding. Subject to this arriving the Committee would be overseeing a surplus of approximately £4.5K for 2015/16

RESOLVED: - that the budget position be noted

The meeting ended at 10.59am