

## Report No. 7

Report to Town Council 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015

### Malmesbury Flood Plan.

#### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To seek the Council's approval of the attached Flood Plan and arising recruitment, training, insuring and equipping of Flood Wardens.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Malmesbury Emergency Plan Working Group presented a report to Full Council for April 29th 2014 recommending that a Flood Wardens scheme be established. After clarification of the roles involved in flood prevention and relief in the Town, the recommendation was accepted by Council on 24th June 2014.
- 2.2 Work has proceeded since with the involvement of Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency with the result that a Flood Plan is now complete. Candidate Flood Wardens have been identified.

#### 3. Proposals

- 3.1 That Council approves the attached Flood Plan and subsequent recruitment, insuring, training (from the Environment Agency) and equipping of Flood Wardens.
- 3.2 That Council approves a request by Wiltshire Council's Operational Flood Working Group that the Malmesbury Flood Plan be used by them across Wiltshire as a recommended model of a Flood Plan.

#### 4. Financial implications and risks

- 4.1 (a) Insurance of Flood Wardens will be covered by the Town Council's existing policies.  
(b) There may be some small cost of ID cards etc, but much will be provided by the Environment Agency. (c) There may be small costs of travel for Environment Agency and Wiltshire Council briefings.
- 4.2 The Flood Plan itself instructs Flood Wardens how to minimise personal risk. Safety and risk avoidance will be specifically covered in training to be provided by the Environment Agency.

#### 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Council is recommended to approve the proposals in (3) above.

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13<sup>th</sup> April 2015