

**Community Flood Plan
Town Council Meeting 22 July 2014**

Recommended:

- 1. Rent of a garage at Blackdown View from Yarlington Homes to act as a Community Resilience Store on the north side of the town at a cost of £8.55 per week (£443.04 per annum).**
- 2. Rent one of the storage areas offered in an outbuilding at Vaughan Lee House for use as a Community Resilience Store for the south side of the town at a cost of approximately £25 per week (£300 per annum).
(Consideration be given to renting the other storage area offered at Vaughan Lee House at the same cost to store items from store in the toilet block if this store is to be turned into a refreshment area.)**
- 3. Two Flood Co-ordinators be appointed (at least one to be a Councillor) to hold keys to the Community Resilience Stores and liaise with Flood Wardens.**
- 4. Advertising on the website, newsletter, notice board and the press for volunteers to be appointed as Flood Wardens for each location of risk.**

Introduction

The Community Flood Plan for Ilminster has been agreed in principle.

The flood plan included

- Two Community Resilience Stores (one on each side of the town)
- Flood Co-ordinators and Flood Wardens
- Volunteers

Background – Community Resilience Store

Samson Office Supplies offered a storage area of 435 sq ft at a cost of £2500 or half of the space at a cost of £1500.

Entry is only a single door width and a sharp right turn through to the proposed storage area which could cause problems for storing a sandbag hopper and delivery/collection of sand/sandbags.

Yarlington Homes Group offered a garage at Blackdown View for £8.55 per week (£443.04 pa) and a garage at The Incline/West Crescent for £7.25 per week (£377 pa).

The only space offered on the north side of Ilminster is a garage at Blackdown View.

Vaughan Lee House are offering an outbuilding - £25-£50 per month (£300-600 per annum).

There are two separate storage areas, 170 sq ft approx. and 137 sq ft approx., divided by a block wall.

There is vehicular access via a locked gate which gives added security.

Some repairs need to be carried out to the doors which the Open Spaces Wardens can do if required).

There is some asbestos in the building.

A licensing agreement would need to be drawn up.

This building would be more secure than a garage at The Incline/West Crescent.

Background Papers

Community Flood Plan – March 2014

Samsons Office Supplies e-mail of 31.03.14

Yarlington Homes Group e-mail of 21.01.14 (costs updated by phone on 11.7.14)

Vaughan Lee House e-mail and attachment of 20.06.14

Report prepared on 14 July 2014 by the Deputy Clerk.