

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION  
BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 IN THE OLD  
SCHOOL, BOLTON PERCY AT 8.00PM.**

**Present:** Cllrs S Steele, J Taylor, R Isherwood, K Robertson, District Cllr R Musgrave

**Apologies:** Cllrs D Robinson, M Lister

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**Minutes of last meeting** after previously being circulated were signed as correct by Cllr Steele, proposed Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Isherwood.

**Clerks Comments**

- a) **Parish Council Web Site Address:** Cllr Robertson, who has been involved in setting up the website confirmed the website is now live, and showed a demonstration (on lap top) of the design, information which will be available. All councillors thanked Cllr Robertson for all the work he has done.
- b) **Bilbrough Top “Services” sign.** At previous meetings it has been discussed the safety issue at the size of these signs, pointing to the “Services” at Bilbrough Top. NYCC representative attended site at the request of the councillors and confirmed the existing sign letter heights are 10cm (100mm) which are regulation size. These can be increased to 15cm (150mm) but NYCC have no funds available. If the Parish Council are willing to pay for the larger sign at a cost of £100 (including fitting) this is possible. Councillors decided to contact Bilbrough Parish Council (as the signs are in their parish), for their thoughts before any decision is made. Clerk to action.
- c) **A64 Slip Road – Freedom of Information Request.** Information has been received from Legal Section of North Yorkshire Police regarding the number of accidents at Bilbrough Top which involve the lack of the edge line on the slip road. It has come to light there was 37 collisions, and 8 of them mentioned the slip road when explaining the reason for the collision. Councillors have requested Clerk contact County Councillor Liz Casling hoping she can use some influence in getting an edge line. Clerk to action.
- d) **Village Sign.** NYCC have provided dimensions and designs which they approve. They also confirmed all signs have to be “Passively Safe”. Councillors suggested Clerk ask a representative from NYCC to attend site to discuss a suitable site. Clerk to action and report back at next meeting.
- e) **Environment Agency Update.** Information is under “Reports of Meetings”.
- f) **Yorkshire Water Update.** Clerk awaiting an update from our contact at Yorkshire Water, as the manhole adjacent Bumblebee Cottage has been causing sewage to enter the village beck again at Easter. Cllr Steele also spoke about the sewage problems in Colton also over the Easter break outside the Sun Inn on Main Street and garden flooded with sewage at Chapel Cottages.

**Correspondence**

None

**Reports of Meetings.**

- g) **The Rampart/Station Road Residents. Agencies – Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.** This meeting took place at the request of the above residents after the major problems they had from Boxing Day onwards by being isolated by flood water for at least 44days. All Agencies sent a representative, ie Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water, Drainage Board, NYCC Highways, representative from Nigel Adams MP, District Councillor. Six residents from Station Road area, together with two people representing The Rampart area. Also four Parish Councillors. Apologies were received from County Councillor, Nun Appleton Estate and the other Parish Councillor.

Cllr Stewart Steele chaired the meeting and introduced all who attended, then passed the meeting over to Stewart Rogerson (The Rampart) who gave a resume of everything that had happened from the Christmas period onwards. He also mentioned this problem has occurred for a number of years but had gradually got worse. A suggestion was made regarding raising the road, and NYCC agreed to look into this. Concern was mentioned about flooding of the Ings near the village, the height of the flood bank, and how Bolton Percy is surrounded by water from all directions when a flood situation occurs. It was felt storage of River Wharfe flood water is too near the village, not allowing for River Foss water to get away. Mark Fuller from the EA explained the problems and agreed to look into the height of the flood bank, the flap valve, check the flood gates near the river if they are operating correctly. He listened to everyone, agreed with the problems but he cannot see how major alterations can be carried out due to funding concerns, with the number of properties involved. Station Road residents also had time to discuss their problems which are similar, and are caused with the build-up of water near the village. They are cut off with the road being flooded near the Cricket Field and the bridge near Hornington Manor. NYCC are going to look at the road height at Hornington and report back. Agency representative agreed to report back when they had time to look into the concerns. In the meantime it was agreed to look into how to gain funding, sort out an Emergency Flood Plan and contact EA to get the residents of Station Road enrolled on the EA Flood Warning Scheme. It was suggested a small flood group be set up.

#### Planning

None

#### Finance

- h) Clerks Salary – Paid
- i) Clerks Expenses - £54.28

#### Any Other Business

**Superfast Broadband Uptake.** Howard Ferguson (Nigel Adams MP) has raised concern about the take up in Bolton Percy of Superfast Broadband which is 30%. Whilst it is has only relatively recently gone live, it compares unfavourably with other villages, which is currently over 60%. Across the whole of Selby district excluding Selby Town the average is 39%. Could we remind people that the upgrade carried out by SFNY makes the service available to the village, but the upgrade to an individual property has to be ordered, because of wiring changes are required and usually a new modem has to be supplied. This service is available from a number of different suppliers – people should contact their service provider to find out if they offer superfast connectivity.

**Highways Capital Programme 2016/17.** This information gives a breakdown of villages which are to have work carried out during this period. Bolton Percy Village is having Footpath Slurry Seal.

**NYCC Changes to Household Waste Re-cycling Centre.** Changes are to be made from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. Opening times are to be - **April to September 8.30am to 5.00pm. October to March 8.30am to 4pm.** Sites will still close on a Wednesday all day. 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> December and 1st January. Charges are now to be made for the disposal of tyres. They start at £1.70/per vehicle tyre (up to and including a car, caravan, motorcycle tyre etc). These will be revised as appropriate.

It was asked if Network Rail could be contacted to find out what work is being carried out on the railway embankment near the new bridge. Clerk to action.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.30pm  
Followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 8.00pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016  
In the Old School, Bolton Percy