

**BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**  
**2018 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, BOLTON PERCY AT 8.00PM**

**Present:** Cllrs Stewart Steele (Chairman), David Robinson (Vice Chairman), John Taylor, Richard Isherwood, Martin Lister, Kevin Robertson.

**Apologies:** County Councillor Richard Musgrave

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**Minutes of last meeting after being circulated to all cllrs were signed as correct by Cllr Steele, proposed Cllr Robertson, seconded Cllr Lister**

**Members of Public:** 6

**Clerks Comments**

- a) **iCASP Funding.** Cllr Taylor has been investigating the source of the funds Prof Taylor has mentioned to Parish Council. He feels the Geography Dept at Leeds University obtain funding from iCASP to enable them to carry out research for the Wharf basin and not allocate the money themselves. It was decided to write to our MP Nigel Adams, with a copy to Howard Ferguson to get his support to try and obtain some of the funds available to get the JBA report updated and investigate the long standing flooding problems in Bolton Percy. Clerk and Cllr Taylor to work together, and Cllr Taylor to contact Prof Taylor to thank him for all the hard work and experience he has done to collate all the information provided.
- b) **NYCC Highways Update.** Parish Council wrote to Nigel Smith Manager of Area 7 with concerns regarding the main access road into Bolton Percy adding the problems with Marsh Lane flooding. A response was received from Glen Donaldson, NYCC Project Engineer which gave some clarification on our queries, but did not answer all the questions, it rather gave us directions to follow to gain more information. Cllrs felt this was not satisfactory and more correspondence it to be sent to NYCC.
- c) **CIL Monies.** This will be on all future agenda's. Ideas are required to use this money to the benefit of all residents of our whole Parish. Confirmation that 4 benches have been delivered for Bolton Percy and Colton and they will be put in place when the weather improves. CAN RESIDENTS WHO HAVE SUGGESTIONS TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY USE THIS MONEY WISELY PLEASE EMAIL CLERK with suggestions to be considered.
- d) **Security Cameras/Radar Speed Signs.** At the March PC meeting (after the spate of thefts in the Parish) it was suggested by some residents that the PC look into the feasibility of fitting cameras to the entrance to the villages. Cllr Robinson has looked into this and Clerk to contact NYCC to get their thoughts. In the meantime Cllr Steele spoke about the concerns of Colton residents regarding speeding vehicles through the village, especially after the awful accident in the snow. By co-incidence Clerk had received details of Radar Speed Signs from a company in London advertising these illuminated signs. Cllrs felt these signs certainly make drivers aware of their speed and slow down. Before any decisions are made Clerk to speak with Highways to request speed monitoring to help confirm the speed vehicles are going through the village and look into carrying out a full survey of Colton to gain residents views on the various options available before any final decision is made.
- e) **Water Butts, Bolton Percy.** Bolton Percy has major problems with sewage/surface water during heavy rainfall, and from the Yorkshire Water Working Group meeting's held, Yorkshire Water Network Technician has explained a reduction in the surface water entering the sewage system will resolve the situation. The proposal is to supply free water butts to all properties where gutters and down pipes are discharged into the foul water drainage system, which is happening on the old properties. Consequently councillors felt they had to give this a try, although not convinced this proposal will work effectively. Free

water butts have been ordered, residents have been contacted to ask for their cooperation in this experiment. Clerk will notify interested parties when they arrive for collection from one central point in the village.

- f) **Dis-connection of unmetered supply, Colton Telephone Box.** Due to the rising costs of operating this supply for the light in the telephone box, the councillors decided to look into dis-connecting the unmetered supply. The cost for this has come back at £580.00 + VAT. Before any final decision is made the possibility of getting a lower figure to be looked into.

### Correspondence

1. **Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.** There appears to be a problem with the public accessing this site at Bolton Percy. Apparently an extra gate has been fitted to stop fly tipping, but unfortunately it also deny's pedestrian access too. Councillors decided to wait until the Manager of Yorkshire Wildlife investigated who has erected this second gate.
2. **Update from Howard Ferguson/EA Meeting.** An update has been received via Stewart Rogerson on a meeting with Environment Agency. Internal Drainage Board also confirmed the flood gate on the Foss had been repaired. The new Flap Valve on the The Rampart is waiting to be fitted when better weather enables a crane to be brought in. A suggestion has been made to divert some of the water away from the centre of the village, and Paul Tweed NYCC is looking into this. In the meantime a Working Group meeting has been arranged with Mark Fuller EA to get accurate up to date information regarding the state of play. This will consist of Parish Councillors, Stewart Rogerson (representing Bolton Lodge/Rampart area) a resident from Station Road and Richard Isherwood will also act as representative of the centre of the village (Pump Alley area). Notes will be taken and discussed at the May Parish Council Meeting, and also published on the Council website.
3. **Data Protection Officer.** Some other Parish Council's are concerned about the lack of notification/help SDC have provided on setting up this new service which comes into operation on the 25<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr Robertson explained to all present the implications involved, and has agreed to work with the Clerk to make sure our Parish Council is up to date with all the rules and regulations. More information at the May meeting.
4. **Additional Sites Consultation – 8<sup>th</sup> March-19<sup>th</sup> April.** There are no sites in our Parish.

### Reports of Meetings

5. **Yorkshire Water Working Group – 14<sup>th</sup> March.** Cllr Steele reported on this meeting. Full notes will be on the Parish Council website.

### Planning

6. **Low Farm, Bolton Percy. 2018/0260/FUL.** A re-submission has taken place on this application. The plans are the same, with same objections by the Parish Council.

### Finance

7. **Clerks Salary - Paid**

### Any Other Business

**Low Farm Road – Flooding.** Cllrs Robinson showed the meeting photographs of this road flooded completely during the heavy rain on Easter Monday. Highways to be contacted as cllrs felt some drains were blocked. Clerk to action.

**A64/Bilbrough Top.** A resident asked if the Parish Council could look into the chevrons be replaced at Bilbrough Top. Cllr Steele thought Highways were in the process of carrying out this work. Clerk to investigate. Secondly it was requested if Highways England could be contacted again to try and get a white line/reflector strip (kerbside) on the A64 sliproad on the approach to Bilbrough Top.

Clerk to action. Thirdly, The Rampart footpath. This path has now disappeared in places and it was asked if Highways would be able to re-instate it. Clerk to action.

**Public Forum**

No questions.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

The next meeting will be The Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm  
Followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 8.00pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018