

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION
BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY 2016
IN THE OLD SCHOOL, BOLTON PERCY AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors Stewart Steele, David Robinson, John Taylor, Richard Isherwood, Martin Lister and Kevin Robertson.
2 members of the public.

Apologies: None

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2015 were signed as correct by Cllr Steele, Proposed by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Isherwood.

Chairmans Report

A year ago, there was major work being undertaken to replace the railway bridges at Brumber Hill and Bolton Percy. Unfortunately, work on the Bolton Percy bridge overran until 2nd October. This caused considerable inconvenience to many residents and the wider public and it was a great relief when it finally opened.

Superfast Broadband in Bolton Percy went live in November, allowing residents to enjoy the same service as Colton and we must thank Nigel Adams MP for his help in getting this upgrade. It is to be hoped the residents of Steeton and other outlying areas can soon also catch up.

The 20mph speed limit and signage has finally been installed in Bolton Percy and it is to be hoped this will be observed by everyone.

Dog bins have been purchased for Marsh Lane and Chestnut Avenue.

In November we welcomed Kevin Robertson as a new Parish Councillor for Colton and Kevin has kindly set up a new website for the Parish Council.

The winter months were dominated by heavy rainfall and flooding issues, with residents of Station Road and The Ramparts area being cut off for a very long time. The village pump was working for many days (with the assistance of an additional pump from the Environment Agency) and it was only by the hard work of the volunteers operating these pumps that Bolton Percy only had flooding problems with one house, unlike many others in the country. Meetings were set up with all agencies to try to improve things in the future and this work still is ongoing.

In addition to flooding, we have had the ongoing problems with the foul drainage system that serves Colton, Appleton Roebuck, Bolton Percy and Ulleskelf.

Following an initial meeting with Yorkshire Water in October, a working group was set up, with representation from each parish, to help identify all the problems and find solutions to them.

These working group meetings have been successful and it is fair to say that Yorkshire Water have now got a clearer picture of the problems facing everyone and appear to be trying to find solutions, but this is very much "work in progress".

I would like to thank all councillors for their work and support. Thanks also to our District Councillor Richard Musgrave and County Councillor Liz Casling for their continued help, Nun Appleton Estates for maintaining the village green and allowing access to the field where the pump is sited, Selby District Council for the upkeep of the closed churchyard and Derek King for kindly auditing the accounts.

Of course we must all thank Joyce, our Parish Clerk for the many hours of work she does on our behalf.

Stewart Steele.

Financial Report

Clerk produced the financial report giving details of all payments and receipts over the past year. She explained the monies in hand in the three accounts the Council have and described how the money was distributed. All councillors agreed with the outcome.

Open Forum.

Prof Taylor wished to thank the council for the 20mph speed limit, and explained there is a form on the NYCC website to report anyone exceeding this limit.

He thanked NYCC for re-surfacing the footpath in Pump Alley.

He felt more should be done to obtain grants from EA to slow down the water entering the village of Bolton Percy to help with flooding.

He raised the question of what work Network Rail were carrying out on the embankment near Bridge NOC/15.

He asked that thanks be given to councillors for their hard work and also to Joyce Collier.

The next Annual Parish Meeting will take place on
Tuesday 2nd May 2017