

**NOTES FOR WORKING GROUP MEETING WITH YORKSHIRE WATER ON THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016  
IN THE BARN, CROWN INN, BOLTON PERCY AT 6.00PM**

**Present:** Jonathan Piatka (JP) Yorkshire Water Flood Risk & Engagement Engineer  
Joe Harbon (JH) Yorkshire Water Network Technician  
Stewart Steele (SS) Colton Parish Councillor  
Martin Lister (ML) Representing Bolton Percy Parish Council)  
Les Rayment (LR) Appleton Roebuck Parish Councillor  
Robin Jenkins (RJ) Appleton Roebuck Neighbourhood Plan representative  
Brian Greenwood (BG) Appleton Roebuck  
Carl Clayton (CC) Ulleskelf Parish Councillor  
Joyce Collier – Clerk (BP Colton & Steeton Parish Council)

This is third meeting of the Working Group, which everyone present agreed is proving to be a success in understanding the many problems Yorkshire Water are finding in all the villages represented.

**Ulleskelf**

JP and JH confirmed all manhole lids had been sealed. There was just one manhole which they had left which is situated in a garden. This was because if sealed it would be more liable to flood the neighbouring properties. CC agreed to speak to the householder to explain the situation. HB also confirmed Flap Valves had been serviced and checked, except Allgarth Close in which they found a problem. This will be repaired. Ings Road – the manhole here will be sorted when it is accessible in low water.

CC confirmed £16,000 had been collected towards a community pump for the village. More fund raising will be done in the near future.

**Colton**

JP and JH confirmed the system in the village is overloaded. This is caused with ingress of water from Bilbrough village and Bilbrough Top. Investigations carried out by JH and his team have found ingress of water from land drains along parts of the 9" pipe from Bilbrough Top to Colton. More investigation work is planned for the near future.

They also reported water is also coming in between two manholes in the Main Street, even in dry weather. They intend to re-line and seal the manholes.

Survey work is to be done in Bilbrough village, then tracking down to Bilbrough Top and onto Colton. Spray lining to be done in next few weeks. All manholes in Main Street will be CCTV.

The pumps have not working to full capacity, and a temporary pump has been fitted which seems to be successful. Work orders are to be raised for work on the Rising Main, the Wet Well is also to be cleaned out.

It was also noted about the recent tankering of sewage. There seems to be a problem with land drains to the north of the village which may have been damaged when the 9" main was installed and this could be causing water to enter one of the manholes. SS agreed to speak to landowner.

**Appleton Roebuck**

JH confirmed after investigation work it was found there has been a collapse of the sewer near the new manhole constructed recently. (10 mtrs away). The sewer is blocked with tree roots which have damaged it. This is situated in the Bond Lane area. De-silting will be carried out and more digs are planned for the future to further investigate the problems with flooding the Main Street. LR reported sewage was in the Main Street outside the school on Easter Monday, which was unsatisfactory. Yorkshire Water agreed to look into the problem.

New impellers are waiting to be fitted to the pumps. JH confirmed he had spoken with the Department involved and the job is at the top of the list.

JH, JP, BG, LR, RJ all said it was frustrating that Drains Aid were regularly being taken off site before works are completed. JP agreed to look into this problem.

A programme of de-silting is planned.

It was mentioned the dip in the road at West End will be reported to NYCC for the collapsed gullies be repaired, which is causing the road to dip.

JP and JH asked if all residents who have problems with flooding of surface water or sewage report it to Yorkshire Water Customer Services (0345 124 2424), and ask for a reference number. They confirmed anything reported as a Network Failure is confidential information. The more people who report problems help towards getting work done.

### **Bolton Percy**

JH wished to thank Denise Ford and David Robinson for meeting him on site recently. He found the information given by them very useful. The manholes etc have been checked in the Pump Alley and Bumblebee Cottage area. Sewers have open joints (5 mtrs up) which is causing a fountain of water to enter. These are to be re-lined. De-silting has been carried out in School Lane and Main Street in which 3 tons of silt has been removed from the 6" pipe.

There is a manhole under some decking at Vine cottages which has clear water flowing through it. Again, re-lining will be carried out. CCTV of the Rising Main is programmed in, together with 6" pipes from Pump Alley.

Manholes have been checked the length of Marsh Lane and all are clear. The manhole at the White House is bolted down and sealed.

The impellers on the pumps are to be changed, and JP agreed to find out how long the pumps have been in place.

It was confirmed that the entire system is to be computer modelled and this will give a much more accurate picture of the capacity of the system, but may take up to 2 years to complete.

It was felt by all concerned that the work carried out up to date, although a lot of problems still to solve, has been successful, and it was decided to still have these meetings two monthly to get updates of how future planned work is progressing.

The councillors thanked Jonathan and Joe for all their hard work, as things have moved on tremendously since they were involved, although gaining funding for all the outstanding work is holding up some of the work.

The meeting Closed at 8.15pm