

NOTES FOR WORKING GROUP MEETING WITH YORKSHIRE WATER ON WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2016 IN THE BARN, CROWN INN, BOLTON PERCY AT 6.OOPM

Present: Jonathan Piatka, (JP) Yorkshire Water Flood Risk & Engagement Engineer
Stewart Steele (SS) Chairman – Colton Parish Council
Dave Robinson (DR) Bolton Percy Parish Councillor
Les Rayment (LR) Appleton Roebuck Parish Councillor
Robin Jenkins (RJ) Appleton Roebuck Neighbourhood Plan representative
Brian Greenwood (BG) Appleton Roebuck Resident
Carl Clayton (CC) Ulleskelf Parish Councillor
Graham Allen (GA) Ulleskelf Flood Group

Apologies: Joe Harbon (JH) Yorkshire Water Network Technician
Richard Isherwood (RI) Bolton Percy Parish Councillor

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

NOTE:

The Group has received information from Environment Agency Flood Risk Activities in the Wharfe Catchment area to which some of the councillors present wanted to make comments which possibly involve Yorkshire Water are included in the following.

Ulleskelf

(CC) opened the meeting with concerns of work being carried out by Network Rail near the Railway bridge in Ulleskelf. He had been in contact with EA (Mark Fuller) and Network Rail (Adrian Hudson) with his concerns. The railway bridge is the biggest issue, and will affect the flow of water through what is in effect the “Railway Dam”. The culverts were made significantly smaller a few years ago, when it was said this would not slow the flow down, but it did. At the present time Network Rail are filling the arches under the railway with concrete with the permission of the EA. No local consultation was carried out, when there was the opportunity to lower these and improve the flow, putting the levels under the bridge back to where they were several years ago before they had silted up, instead they are lifting them. Yorkshire Water’s Rising Main is in this area.

The village have purchased four pumps to protect the village in a flood. These will be delivered within the next few weeks. The intention is to build a Pump House situated adjacent Yorks Water Pumping Station. (JP) agreed to look into this as permission will be required. (JP) confirmed a survey has been carried out recently on the flap valves and all working correctly. Ings Road (clean water) update is required, plus Hall Garth and Weston Road to be checked. (GA) asked if Duck Bill Valves could be used as an alternative to Flap Valves. (JP) confirmed this could be looked into at a later date.

Bilbrough

(JP) confirmed Yorks Water have taken over ownership of the private pumping station situated in Bilbrough Village. They can now get funding to carry out the work needed. (SS) asked if Travel Lodge has also been taken over by Yorks Water as this building is connected to the system. Depending on the ownership of the system is whether Yorks Water can gain ownership. (JP) to check and report back. (RJ) asked if grease traps to the businesses have been checked. (JP) pointed out that three letters have to be sent to owners, if they do not conform to the requests then visits are made to the companies. (JP) to check situation. Surge Tanks were also mentioned, and outcome of survey is awaited.

Colton

Two manholes on track leading from Bilbrough Top and Colton village have been dealt with. Also three other manholes have been spray lined in Colton village. The air valves and rising main have been cleaned, plus the Wet Well has also been cleaned out. (SS) reported a section of the 150mm foul drain in Main Street had been jetted as far as the Sun Inn.

Appleton Roebuck

(JH) has sent a report on work carried out by a team on the section of sewer that runs over the top of the surface water sewer in front of Town End Farm. This section is abandoned, 2 digs that were to be done will not now be done. They have found that the section previously dug on the road to the Pump Station is still partially collapsed and will be re-dug and the damaged section fixed. (LR) , (BG, RJ) asked if (JH) could be on site when this work is carried out, to make sure the work is carried out successfully, as this section is important to stopping the Main Street flooding during heavy rainfall.

(BG) reported the road gullies are running well, this is also important with Brumber Carr drain when in flood, enters via these gullies. Camera work has been done near Town End Farm and found no blockages.

Bolton Percy

Lining work has been carried out in the Pump Alley area, but pressure of surface water has made the sewer lining collapse, so this is to be replaced with cast iron pipes. (JP) to check if this work has been done. More lining work has been carried out at Vine Cottages and near the Pub. CCTV has confirmed there is no surface water ingress. Manholes in Marsh Lane have been checked.

Computerised Model Update

(JP) confirmed survey work is being carried out at present, and when completed flow meters will be installed in some man holes to aid the computer modelling of the entire system to Tadcaster. This work should start in January 2017. The results of this exercise, which will take approximately 18 months, should show where the system is overloaded.

Note

A note will be put in the Parish Magazine reminding residents of all villages to report personally, any problems they have with both surface and foul water, also get an incident number. The more people who report problems help towards getting work done. (0345 124 2424).

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th February 2017.