

**NOTES FOR WORKING GROUP MEETING WITH YORKSHIRE WATER ON WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER
2017 IN THE BARN, CROWN INN, BOLTON PERCY AT 6.00PM**

Present: Leah Humphries (LH) Yorkshire Water Flood Risk & Engagement Engineer
Joe Harbon (JH) Yorkshire Water Network Technician
Stewart Steele (SS) Chairman – Colton Parish Council
Richard Isherwood (RI) Councillor – Bolton Percy Parish Council
Les Rayment (LR) Appleton Roebuck Parish Councillor
Robin Jenkins (RJ) Appleton Roebuck Neighbourhood Plan Representative
Brian Greenwood (BG) Appleton Roebuck Resident

Apologies: Carl Clayton (CC) Chairman – Ulleskelf Parish Council
Graham Allen (GA) Ulleskelf Flood Group

This is the 7th meeting of this Group. The chairman of this meeting was Brian Greenwood.

Appleton Roebuck

JH gave an update of work carried out since the last meeting in February. Surface water drains cleaned out. Re-contaminated and more silt has been removed. Extra manhole has been fitted, and CCTV carried out. The heavy rain on the 28th June, didn't seem to cause any problems, and this happened before the de-silt was done.

Questions were asked if Highways had cleaned the gullies out. This to be checked.

23rd and 25th September – Bond Lane was flooded due to heavy rainfall.

A water main burst on the main road into Appleton Roebuck, near the lodges has been repaired. Bond Lane. Concern was raised by BG regarding the footpath which has been sunk with tankers standing on it. JH to report to correct department at YW for repair.

Planning – Questions were asked about how Yorkshire Water are consulted on Planning Applications from SDC. The Developer Services Team is involved on a Voluntary Consultancy. Once plans are granted Yorkshire Water can refuse at this stage, if they are not happy with connection of surface water into foul sewers. This is not allowed, and written permission is required from YW.

LR and RJ were not happy with the Orchard Close development for 8 properties, but JH could not pass any comment.

YW have records of events of bad weather concerning flooding etc. JH requested to get this information for the next meeting.

BG asked if any information was available when work for the replacement of the new Rising Main from Appleton Roebuck to Bolton Percy will commence. LH didn't have the same information as BG and agreed to get more information and report back to BG asap.

LR asked if any information was known regarding the repair of the flood bank at The Fleet. This is in bad state of repair undermined by badgers. If this bank gave way during a flood it would effect Appleton Roebuck, and Holme Green. LH and JH confirmed Yorkshire Water would erect barriers to defend the area surrounding the Pumping Station to stop it flooding in an emergency, but this barrier could not be in place all the time.

Colton

SS updated JH and LH about all the problems incurred recently with Pumping Station and gardens flooding since the non return valves have been fitted. It is now causing flooding of gardens further into the village and not solved anything. JH to look into this. Residents are not happy with being disturbed during the night and early hours, with tankers pumping out at the Pumping Station with engines running, lights flashing etc. This problem has been occurring for 10 years or more, and they want action now. SS has mentioned that residents are being asked to provide evidence of problems in the village over the years. This will be collated. SS asked about how the detection tank situation is proceeding. JH seemed to think there would be some answers within 2 months. It was mentioned at the end of this session that Viking Pumps on the authority of Yorks Water have built a new chamber, fitted air valves and did quite a good job.

Bolton Percy

SS asked JH what work had been carried out in this village since the last meeting. JH stated no further work had been done, but the manhole near Bumblebee Cottage is still causing a problem at times. YW engineers attend site when there is a problem here, to clean up within two hours. RI raised concern that even after all the work which has been carried out since the start of these meetings, which have been constructive, Bolton Percy is still having problems with surface water and sewage. JH raised any idea of householders connecting water butts to their properties to save some surface water entering the system. JH to give further information at the next meeting. Discussion took place instigated by RI to investigate if a new chamber could be constructed on the other side of the flood bank (in the field) near The Rampart, which would help greatly with the problems incurred during flooding and help the village pump operators cope with the large volume of water to be pumped. JH agreed to look into this idea and get back to RI.

JH agreed to look into the two pumps in Bolton Percy Pumping Station, if they are working to full capacity or need replacement, and also increase the capacity of the pumps to Tadcaster. JH to investigate.

Ulleskelf

In the absence of the representatives from this village, JH was asked if there had been any concerns which should be passed on. JH confirmed the only thing was the manhole cover which CC knew about, not being sealed.

The survey model of the whole area is still ongoing and should be completed by December 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm with another meeting to be arranged for the end of February. Date to be suggested was Wednesday 28th February. Can all attendees please confirm to Joyce Collier this is a convenient date.