

**NOTES FOR WORKING GROUP WITH YORKSHIRE WATER ON WEDNESDAY  
14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 IN THE BARN, CROWN INN, BOLTON PERCY AT 6PM**

**Present:** Joe Harbon (JH) Yorkshire Water Network Technician  
Leah Humphries (LH) Yorkshire Water Flood Risk & Engagement Engineer  
Stewart Steele, (SS) Chairman – Colton Parish Council  
David Robinson (DR) – Councillor – Bolton Percy Parish Council  
Les Rayment (LR) – Councillor – Appleton Roebuck Parish Council  
Brian Greenwood (BG) – Appleton Roebuck Resident  
Carl Clayton (CC) – Chairman Ulleskelf Flood Group

**Apologies:** Robin Jenkins (RJ) Appleton Roebuck Neighbourhood Plan Representative  
Graham Allen (GA) Ulleskelf Flood Group

Brian Greenwood acted as Chairman at this meeting.

**Ulleskelf**

CC started this meeting with reporting there haven't been any significant problems with flooding up to date. No surface water problems either. He requested information on how the modelling programme was progressing, and it was explained by JH another three months was required to get correct flows. CC updated members that another 78 new properties were proposed for Ulleskelf with another 25 at Church Fenton. Other members were dismayed at this information, as all these new properties would be piped into the existing overloaded system.

CC had to leave the meeting at this point, but gave thanks to Joe for all his help and hard work over the past few years as he is leaving our area and transferring to Bradford.

**Appleton Roebuck**

BG/LR reported they did not have many problems since the last meeting, but after overnight rain Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March brought flooding to Main Street. This water receded by about 2pm, but returned on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March with the whole of Main Street being underwater in the Bond Lane area. BG stated he had previously reported that only one of the two SW drains is running freely into the Fleet near the Pumping Station. It was worth noting excavations had taken place the previous week over the SW drain, which has been troublesome repeatedly with silting, outside the telephone exchange. This excavation work went right across the road which may have caused a new blockage. JH agreed to arrange for CCTV to be carried out in the very near future to investigate.

It was also motioned at this point to investigate if Westend Farm is connected to surface/sewage, and could this cause any blockages from the farm. JH to check.

BG asked LH for information regarding the replacement of the Rising Main between Appleton Roebuck and Bolton Percy. LH could not give any information on this, even though BG had received letters from Yorkshire Water Services Ltd (c/o Barhale) giving information of intended works through his garden. This letter was dated 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017. LH agreed to look into this and report back direct to BG.

**Colton**

SS gave an update on this village's problems over the past few days after the rain. Tankers were again being used as the pumping station had failed yet again. The new storage tank was found not to work unless an operative from Yorkshire Water went to switch it on. Residents were not happy with the noise they were experiencing from the tanker engines running all the time, plus the yellow flashing lights turned on. JH confirmed these lights have to be on when the tankers are working for Health and Safety reasons.

### **Bolton Percy**

This village hasn't had too many problems over the past few months, except the ongoing blockage at Bumblebee Cottage.

Richard Isherwood asked for the following information to be reported at the meeting in his absence. 13<sup>th</sup> March, he is currently having drainage issues in this property toilet, and made the others aware that Yorkshire Water had been working at the Pumping Station Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Tankers were being used. His wife had reported these problems to Yorks Water three times on the 13<sup>th</sup> March but no one returned her calls.

DR made comment regarding the state and colour of the beck as he walked to this meeting. The water looked grey colour, which was unusual. He asked if JH could look into the reason for this, and was it possible a mortar substance could be entering the beck from the building site on Old Road.

JH raised the question of Water Butts again to help with the surface water run off in Bolton Percy. It was decided to give this option a try, and JH would contact Parish Clerk to sort out delivery. One water butt per property.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm. Another meeting date was not arranged as Joe is transferring to the Bradford Area. Another engineer would be taking over in the coming months (Ben), and it requested that this engineer together with Leah arrange a visit to the Parish in daylight to get him familiar with the issues in the Parish.

Everyone at the meeting thanked Joe for all his help and work carried out over the previous years, making him aware it was very much appreciated and wished him well for the future.