

BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Old School Room, Bolton Percy on:

Thursday 7th March 2024 at 8:00pm.

MINUTES

- 1. Present: Cllr. Steele (Chair); Cllr. Robinson (Vice chair); Cllr. Nicholls; Cllr. Robertson; Cllr. Tucker**
- 2. To receive and consider for approval, apologies for absence and reasons given - None**
- 3. To receive declarations of interest - None**
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting 1/2/24 as a true and accurate record.**
Proposed Cllr. Robinson; Seconded Cllr. Tucker.
- 5. Members of the Public - 2**
- 6. CLERK'S REPORT – Outlining actions/outcomes following the meeting held on 1/2/24**

A/ Highways Asset management – Urban Highways Grass Cutting

Clerk e-mailed a response 7/2/24 to advise that the Parish Council resolved for this service to continue via North Yorkshire Council.

B/ Replacement Defibb pads for Bolton Percy . Ordered by clerk and received. Passed to Cllr. Tucker for distribution to Claire Tucker, defibrillator Guardian in Bolton Percy.

C/FLOOD RESILIENCE AND COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN Meeting 2/2/24– update clerk

Positive meeting attended by 19; 7 representatives from agencies including NYC and Highways Dept; the EA and NYFR service; Mike Nicholls attended as Flood Warden representative for Pump Alley; There were 7 Station Road residents, Stewart Rogerson representing residents beyond The Rampart and 3 residents from Acaster Selby parish. Cllrs. were updated via email of Outcomes/Actions on eve of 7/2/24, as below. These points were discussed/noted at this evening's meeting

a) Highways Authority

- i) Lifebelt alongside The Rampart should be considered- an application for Street furniture needs to be made to Highways for permission. If desired by residents at this end of the village, then a discussion of where to site it is required. The EA may be approached to fund a lifebelt if desired..
- ii) Proposal to raise the road at Tadcaster side of Oxtan Lane. On 7/2/24, Highways Maintenance Manager (RC) invited Align Property Partners to conduct a feasibility study. Awaiting outcome.
- iii) Highways confirmed that there is No Public Right of Way via the track on land owned by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. However the Trust site is publicly accessible.

b) North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

- i) Safe & Well visits to advise how to reduce fire risk in homes are available to all. Service available to all via www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/your-safety/book-a-visit/
- ii) A key outcome recommended by NYFRS was a Flood Resilience Meeting for those who cannot be accessed by emergency services when their roads are cut off. Including Water Safety & Awareness advice Meeting arranged by clerk 5/3/24, Old School Hall, BP and was promoted as accessible to all interested or affected residents of BP and Acaster Selby.

c) NYC – Community Emergency Plan a liaison meeting has been arranged by the clerk with Wendy Muldoon 21/3/24. Participants: representatives of Station Road and beyond The Rampart. To identify actions/solutions for those specific areas. Agreed that the focus is on flooding. Cllrs. tonight discussed ownership of the CEP and agreed that the Parish Council would have overarching responsibility of the plan and review it annually. The intention is for the plan to be on the PC website and available to NYFRS. For GDPR compliance consent is required from identified residents. Resolved for clerk to pursue this from Station Road residents and to direct this to The Rampart via Stewart Rogerson.

d) Flood Wardens for Station Rd; Alison and Stuart Dawson have agreed to represent Station Road and Stewart Rogerson for residents beyond The Rampart. Flood Wardens need to be registered.

Cllr. Nicholls resolved to send a link to Alison and Stewart Rogerson.

e) Site Technical Meeting - Flood Resilience: to discuss rivers Wharfe and Foss, the flood bank, flap valves, their purpose and correct function. Clerk was requested 7/2/24 by Cllr. Steele to pursue this. Robin Derry (EA) and Finlay Kell (NYC) both contacted. Site visit arranged 15/3/24. This also links in with Howard Ferguson's Report of Feb 2024, see Item 11 below. Mr Ferguson will be attending the site visit.

f) Depth Gauge Boards requested at either side of the flood bank at The Rampart, ie Wharfe and Foss sides of the road, and at Oxton Lane beyond Station Rd. To monitor water heights and provide visual risk prompt. Carolyn Jarvis, EA advised 6/2/24 she could investigate the feasibility of community gauge boards. Agreed by Parish Council as desirable. **To be discussed further on 15/3/24, and pursued post this meeting.**

7. CLERK'S POST –update Chair

a) 2 applications have been received. Resolved for Cllrs Robertson and Tucker to arrange and conduct the interviews, ready to appoint for 2/4/24. Clerk to book School Hall.

8. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – update Cllr Nicholls

Cllr Nicholls explained that he is keen to maintain the good relationship he's built up with the EA and for this reason he chose to step back from involvement of arranging the forthcoming meeting, as tasked in the February Minutes. Position noted.

Parish Council requested that feedback specifically about The Ings is reported from the meeting of 15/3/24.

9. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

i) Funding of fuel for the pump – Cllr Nicholls updated that he'd still had no response from Cllr. Andrew Lee (NYC). He stated that if required, then the cost of fuel for the pump would need to be funded by residents affected by the beck flooding and this would be a voluntary arrangement that he would follow up as necessary.

ii) Report by Howard Ferguson. 'Bolton Percy Flooding and Impact on Station Road Residents'. Mr. Ferguson has sent a copy to the EA and questions if the valve is functioning correctly?

See Item 11 CORRESPONDENCE BELOW

10. FLOOD RESILIENCE MEETING– (Outcome b ii) from Meeting 2/2/24); EVENT on 5TH MARCH 2024

Arranged with York Fire Officer, John Waldron, and Watch 1 from Tadcaster, NYFRS, at The Old School Hall, Bolton Percy, on behalf of the Parish Council and linking into the Community Emergency Plan.

Feedback: organiser, Clerk to Parish Council

Attendance: 13 Residents affected by being completely cut-off by flooded roads;

Councillor Dave Robinson; First Responder from Bolton Percy; 1 other resident.

Summary of Meeting: all officers are trained to paramedic level. They carry with them an Immediate Emergency Care pack (IEC) which is portable as a back pack. Tadcaster station is about to gain Mod3 status and be equipped with a raft. There are many national services available to respond in a complex emergency situation. Flood Water Safety was demonstrated and advised. Communication of the access situation is vital for the Emergency Services. Ways of accomplishing this were discussed and are still to be agreed. Always call 999 but then follow up with a call to NYFRS at Tadcaster. Flood Water Depth Gauges agreed as a critical Risk Assessment tool. Defibrillators were promoted as a way that residents can assist themselves in the event of a cardiac arrest. Interest in this and the accompanying necessary CPR/First aid training take up is required. Lead representatives Alison Dawson and Stewart Rogerson are seeking feedback from respective

resident groups. Safe and Well visits were once again promoted. **Some of the relevant information from this meeting will be transferred to the Community Emergency Plan. Initial meeting 21/3/24.** The full meeting notes have been sent to all residents and been saved as an Appendix to these Minutes.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

REPORT received from Howard Ferguson – (Inland Drainage Board)

‘Bolton Percy Flooding and Impact on Station Road Residents’

Distributed to all Cllrs at authors request on 12/2/24. The report contains data and captures photographic evidence of the valve at The Rampart and Rivers Wharfe and Foss. Mr. Ferguson has sent a copy to the EA and questions if the valve is functioning correctly?

Councillors confirmed receipt of the report and resolved for clerk to contact Mr Ferguson to ask if he’s had any response to his report.

12. PLANNING: to consider planning policies, decision notifications, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. Please note that any applications received following the issue of this agenda will be considered as an Appendix.

Proposal: Removal of the Fold yard roof, gin-gang and repair/refurbishment (retrospective)

PERMISSION GRANTED.

Proposal Noted by Council

13. FINANCE

To review and approve items of expenditure - NONE

14. PARISHONERS ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/MATTERS ARISING

Yorkshire Water – raw sewage spillage at Pump Alley bridge footpath:- Issue requested for discussion by a local resident of the area who attended the meeting and explained that sewage spillage has been a continuous problem for many years in times of heavy rainfall and flooding. Advice of how to manage this was sought from the Parish Council. Cllr. Steel highlighted that the issue was discussed at the February meeting. Advice in the February Minutes is for any affected residents to report issues to Yorkshire Water on 0345 124 24 24. It was suggested that a Freedom of Information request be sent to YW requesting a whole record of a) complaints and b) of fines for foul water spillage, at this site in BP. This was accepted. Resolved for clerk to action.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 4/4/24

Alison Dawson – Clerk to the Council

Dated 27/3/2024