


Friends of Bradford's Becks

Minutes of quarterly 'meeting' on Monday 11th Jan

Item	Introduced by
<p>Quarterly meeting – progress in last quarter and plans for the coming period</p>	
<p>1. Pollution</p> <div data-bbox="252 730 1024 824" style="background-color: black; color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> PollutionWatch  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update session took place by Zoom on 15th Dec. b. Two recent building fires initially appear not to have polluted the becks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Tyre fire at old carting track, Bowling, November 2020. Appears to be over a link to Bowling Beck and now seems that there was pollution of the beck. ii. Potential cannabis factory in old industrial building, Annison St, Eastbrook. Another beck culvert nearby, Deep Dyke. iii. An issue arising from these is that there is no map of the culverts and so no easy way to find out the potential routes of pollution from draining fire fighting water. c. Other incidents reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Carr Mires Beck ii. Eastbrook iii. Barnsley Beck, Baildon iv. Crossley Hall works, Middlebrook v. Bull Greave Beck vi. Fagley Beck, construction work vii. Little Beck, Milner Field Farm, slurry viii. Arthur Ave CSO, Middlebrook ix. Gill Beck, Baildon. Positive intervention from LCC to stop sediment pollution. d. YW work from PollutionWatch reports is ongoing 	<p>Barney to discuss locations of culverts with Council</p>

<p>2. “Bradford-Shipley Route Improvement”, including deculverting and renaturalisation from Stanley Rd to Briggate</p> <p>a. I’ve asked for an update but complete silence from both Bradford Highways and Landscape. Depts.</p> <p>The current preferred option remains as decommissioning the existing twin culvert and replacing with a new open channel to the East re-connecting back into Bradford Beck.</p>	
<p>3. Renaturalisation project Aire - Briggate – update</p> <p>a. No news from Bradford Landscape on works for this FY</p> <p>b. We are discussing possible projects for a stage 2, in the upper catchment. But lockdown (and cold weather) is inhibiting surveys and contacting landowners.</p>	
<p>4. Enforcement Undertakings.</p> <p>a. Yorkshire Water (Aug 2018 wipeout). Their offer of an EU has been rejected by EA, and I have asked ART not to support a potential appeal by YW against that decision, so it is possible that they will be prosecuted.</p> <p>b. Keepmoat and AppleBridge – no news, no cheques</p>	
<p>5. Any other business and news</p> <p>a. Shipley City Centre regeneration – a potential Bradford Beck renaturalisation project was included in a list of projects put out to consultation.</p> <p>b. Topics to raise with Council Environment Scrutiny committee in early spring</p> <p>i. misconnections are still being built in new developments! Seems crazy. E.g. Gilstead new estate had 25% of new houses misconnected.</p> <p>ii. Mapping culverts – this has to be done!</p> <p>c. Private members bill 2nd reading on 23rd Jan, about reducing CSO spills. Write to you MP and ask him to vote for it.</p>	
<p>6. Minutes of last meeting – on website</p>	
<p>7. Next meetings and events</p> <p>a. Quarterly catch-ups:</p> <p>i. Mon 12th April</p>	Barney