



# Friends of Bradford's Becks

## Minutes of quarterly 'meeting' on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 (Zoom)

Item	Action
<p>Present on Zoom: Barney, Graham, Eddie, Rose, Sara, Rob P, Rob H, James, Nick, Wendy, David P, David B</p> <p>Various apologies given in advance, and people may have been confused by two different Zoom links - apologies</p>	<p>Barney to make sure only one link sent out</p>
<p><b>Quarterly meeting – progress in last quarter and plans for the coming period</b></p>	
<p>1. Pollution </p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Summary of observations from Rob           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observations reported on app: 1180</li> <li>• Interesting photos: 123</li> <li>• Pollution observations: 1057</li> <li>• No pollution seen: 730</li> <li>• Pollution seen: 327</li> <li>• Reported to EA / YWS: 9</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Rob confirmed that YWS have a ringfenced budget to deal with the polluted outfalls we report, so we must keep up with the watching!</li> <li>c. The Carr Mires Beck was given as an example of the problems. Although a block of flats had originally be identified as a major misconnection, the outfall is still polluted after rectification. A further misconnection of lateral sewer has now been found.</li> <li>d. Reminder: if you see significant pollution, always report to the EA, 0800 807060. If it is sewage, you can also report to YWS. Sewage smell counts, even if there is no obvious flow of water! Link to reporting mechanism (app) and instructions can be found on the front page of Bradford-beck.org.</li> </ol>	<p>All</p>

<p>2. Footpath signage and Information boards:</p> <p>The board for Briggate is in Bradford signs dept inbox, but has been pushed sown the priorities by COVID.</p>	<p>Wendy</p>
<p>3. “Bradford-Shipley Route Improvement”, including deculverting and renaturalisation from Stanley Rd to Briggate</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There have been site visits by FOBB, EA, Bradford, WTT followed by a virtual discussion last week. Good progress on the deculverting: a conceptual landscape design has been prepared by Andrew (Bradford landscape architect) for the consultants to work up into a design for consultation.</li> <li>b. Wendy noted that there are the remnants of a goit wall just d/s of the planned deculverting and suggested they would be worth preserving. Barney to pass on the Andrew.</li> <li>c. the EA is putting a contribution into their forward budget plan for works in the brick lined channel from Poplar Rd up to Stanley Rd, based on the ideas presented in these photos (from Germany, or possibly Zurich)</li> </ol> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. A virtual meeting Highways and their consultants has been promised for late October.</li> </ol> <p><u>Estimated Programme Dates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 2020 – WSP formally appointed</li> <li>• February 2021 – Outline Planning completed</li> <li>• March 2021 – Planning Application</li> <li>• September 2021 – Construction start</li> <li>• March 2022 - completion</li> </ul>	<p>Barney to continue to engage</p>

<p>4. Renaturalisation project Aire - Briggate – update from discussion with EA/WTT/Bradford</p> <p>A pre-barrage has been added to the gauging weir at Shipley. Some concern that it isn't high enough, waiting to see the survey that Fishtek has carried out.</p> <p>Phase 2 is in planning – see above</p>	
<p>5. Enforcement Undertakings – no news</p>	
<p>6. Knotweed eradication</p> <p>Good surveys this year, have covered all reaches of the beck network – thanks to the volunteers. Nick and Wendy have been treating JK. Where stem injections have been done last year, its worked really well and the regrowth is weak.</p> <p>Focus of treatment this month will be between Cemetery Rd and Ingleby Rd, and along Canal Rd.</p> <p>Rob asked that contact is made with Uriah Woodhead where there is some JK, and they have been supportive of efforts on pollution.</p>	Nick, Wendy
<p>7. Litterpicks</p> <p>An ART workforce had a busy day around the arches at Shipley station recently.</p>	
<p>8. Bradford Science Festival (24th October-1st November). We have submitted two little videos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Flooding.</b> Steve Scott-Bottoms and Lauren Gill helped Barney make this. John R gathered videos and photos from neighbours and friends.</li> <li>• <b>Pollution.</b> Irene sorted this one out.</li> </ul>	
<p>9. Any other business and news</p> <p>a. (There was something, but I can't remember what!)</p>	
<p>10. Minutes of last meeting – on website</p>	
<p>11. Next meetings and events</p> <p>a. Barney giving talks to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Ilkley U3A Environment Forum 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</li> <li>ii. Bradford Oddfellows, 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</li> </ol> <p>b. Quarterly catch-ups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Mon 11<sup>th</sup> January - agreed</li> </ol>	Barney