



Friends of Bradford's Becks

Minutes of quarterly meeting on Monday 10th Jan 2022 at 7:30 pm.

A Zoom meeting in light of the current COVID situation.

Item	Action by
<p>Present: Rob, Kevin, Barney, Graham, Nicholas, Sue, Hugh, David, Elisabeth, John, Rose,</p> <p>Apologies: Wendy, Geoff. My apologies for messing up the links, not everyone found a way in.</p>	
<p>1. Pollution from new housing</p> <p>a. After some prompting from Kevin, YWS tell us that they are going to inspect connections from new houses rather than leave it to building inspectors who, in our jaundiced experience, never check that the foul water is connected to the foul sewer. This is a summary of the system:</p> <p>The developer or householder must make an application through the Yorkshire Water website at Yorkshire Water – Sewerage connections. Once registered they make an S106, connection to public sewer network, application including all details of the site and connection requested. They must supply a location plan and drawing of the proposal.</p> <p>Yorkshire Water takes this information, interrogates Odyssey*, our geographical information system, and confirms which is the correct sewer for the applicant to connect to. If Yorkshire Water approves the new connection they will send the applicant an approval letter including a drawing of the connection location. I have attached an anonymised example.</p> <p>Before the connection goes live a Yorkshire Water inspector visits the site to ensure the correct sewer is being used. This is necessary because precise locations on the ground may not be perfectly represented by Odyssey.</p> <p>*Odyssey is YWS' computer mapping of their pipes and other assets.</p> <p>b. Kevin is setting up a meeting between YWS, Bradford Council and us (Rob, Kevin, Barney) to discuss the scheme.</p>	<p>Kevin</p>
<p>2. Pollution</p>	

<p>a. We have no more information on the Premier Inn pollution of Eastbrook.</p> <p>b. Other pollution findings/activities to report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Barnsley Beck – 4 reports made recently, YWS have promised to investigate. ii. Carr Mires Beck still polluted – Rob is asking questions about the misconnected new houses built by Keepmoat. This links into the issue above of a system to check on new houses. <p>c. Nicholas has been looking at sewer maps, many sewer are not marked. No wonder new builds are misconnected.</p> <p>d. Please continue to report pollution to the EA! 0800 807060</p>	
<p>3. Upstream</p> <p>This is our joint project with U of Newcastle, Taiwan and others to use continuous water quality monitors. An update was circulated recently via email. Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Waterboxes have been altered to suit UK conditions and should be arriving soon. • There is a wish to link them up with YWS' project to install 150 online cameras to monitor outfalls, which would be great if we have access to view them in real-time. • Rob hopes that the use of 'narrow band IOT' might allow signals from inside the 	Rob
<p>4. Deculverting and renaturalisation from Poplar Rd to Briggate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The consultation on the proposal is underway via this link https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/12866/ b. There was a drop-in on the scheme at Shipley Fire Station (15th Dec), and a visit to site with Andrew and Barney on 14th Dec. c. Also, there was an online Q&A on 6th Jan. I couldn't see who was there, except the panel! Some good questions (littering, graffiti, wildlife, bridge, pollution, lighting, ...) some of which they could answer, and others they could only waffle worthy thoughts about. d. Consultation closes on 16th Jan – make sure you get your comments in before then! <i>An important point to make is that the process of construction must be as beck-friendly as possible, ie no releases of sediment and no construction vehicles trundling around in the beck</i> 	

<p><i>stirring up sediment.</i> Feel free to submit a second comment with this point!</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>5. Signage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Info board for Briggate is now in place b. Beck naming signs (about 8 green signs)– after a reconnaissance, Wendy/Rose conclude that it would be best to ask the Council to put the signs up. c. If we want signs asking people to report pollution we have to do that separately as not covered by the permissions granted so far. d. Plaque 1 (Odeon) replicas – chase that up again 	<p>Wendy</p> <p>Wendy</p>
<p>6. Bullgreave Beck</p> <p>Taj, the Gt Horton ward officer, is keen to improve the Bull Greave Beck area. He met with Rob, Kevin and others, and subsequently I have agreed that we will help with a clean up.</p> <p>We have provisionally got 4 days of Nick and the ART volunteers: 7-8 April and 28-29 April. We will work these days as well, not add the Saturdays.</p> <p>Nicholas reports that there are already signs of clean up. Scrambling continues, it's part of local culture, it is unlikely to stop. However lots of fly tipping over the cemetery wall!</p> <p>Rob suggests an open day at Scholemoor Beacon to get engagement locally – good idea!</p>	<p>Barney & Nick to follow and up</p>
<p>7. Group activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. So we agreed to plan other litter picks this spring. 2 Sundays in March, 14th and 27th. b. If you are aware of any area needing a litter pick let Barney know. 	<p>Barney</p>
<p>8. Enforcement Undertakings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Keepmoat. No news b. Applebridge. No news 	
<p>9. Any other business and news</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bradford Science Festival <p>We provided stalls at two drop-in events, SHINE, BD5 and Laisterdyke library. That's to all those that helped (John, Geoff, Wendy, Ray, Rose, Elisabeth, Rob). We gave out 12 piece jigsaws of pollution, leaflets and walks booklets, demonstrated the SuDS house and chatted to lots of people.</p>	

<p>b. YWS have given ART some funding (£17k) under the <i>Working with Others</i> stream. It is to support ‘Friends of ...’ groups to share knowledge and experience and will fund Rob to continue pollution hunting and work with the groups.</p> <p>Start of the Project is going to be July 2022 End of the Project is going to be July 2023 Here is what Friends of Bradford Beck will receive from the letter of support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive an offer for members to be trained on a water safety course; • Receive an offer for members to be trained on a Leading a Waterways Event Training Course; • Be invited to 4 knowledge exchange hubs between all of the partners; • Be given training on how to write a funding bid; • £1000 for equipment to enable further habitat improvements on our beck; • Undertake phosphate testing with the Project Officer. • The Project Officer will also conduct walkovers to spot pollution similar to the Pollution Hunter Role currently for the first 9 months of the project. <p>c. ART have received funds for a project call <i>Better Becks</i>. It is improvements to the becks of Aire catchment between Keithley and Gill Beck (Baildon) so includes Bradford Beck. It includes funding for wetlands in the upper Bradford Beck catchment.</p> <p>d. Heron on Middlebrook – is there a nest between Ingleby Rd and Clayton Beck? Then we could have it declared a heronry!</p> <p>e. Any other business</p>	
<p>10. Minutes of last meeting – approved</p>	
<p>11. Next meetings and events</p> <p>a. Quarterly catch-ups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 4th April ii. 11th July <p>b. Litterpicks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 7-8 April, Bullgreave Beck ii. 28-29 April, Bullgreave Beck iii. 13, 27 March litterpicks iv. Open day at Scholemoor TBA 	