



Friends of Bradford's Becks

Minutes of quarterly meeting on Monday 4th April 2022 at 7:30 pm.
 (On Zoom, only 40 minutes)

Item	Introduced by
<p>Present: David P, Elisabeth, Julie, John, Rose, Robert, Rob, Pauline, Matt, Irene, Barney, Nicholas, Graham</p> <p>Apologies: Lola, Andrew, Graham, Wendy, Eddie</p>	
<p>1. YWS prosecution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. YWS (or rather, their barrister) appeared in Leeds Magistrates Court on 15th Feb concerning the major pollution in August 2018. They have been charged with 6 counts (we didn't get the detail). b. YWS indicated they would plead guilty but want to negotiate a reduction in the number of charges. c. The next hearing will be formal plea and sentencing on 18th July. All welcome to attend, we will send details. 	
<p>2. Fagley/Carr Beck</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The EA is investigating some historical incidents b. We have commissioned and received a report from the Wild Trout Trust (Prof Jonny Grey) about the state of the beck and the options for improvement. c. I've been in touch with one of the house builders about their interest in improving the environment and options to support us. 	
<p>3. Pollution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next PollutionWatch. Matt thanked us for past efforts, 53 misconnections fixed, 2 subject to orders to householders from Bradford Council. He'd like to have us do another PollutionWatch in June/July/August to find more misconnections. Good time because low flows, kinder weather for volunteers, short burst will focus minds. Also YWS 	<p>Barney to recruit, Matt/Rob/Barney to set up briefing</p>

<p>has set up a process with CBMDC for them to enforce corrections.</p> <p>b. Other pollution findings/activities to report ...</p> <p>i. Rob reports that the Beck is looking clearer than ever, which suggests that there has been progress.</p> <p>ii. New house at Clayton – Rob checked and there didn't appear to be pollution arising in the beck from the site in wet weather.</p> <p>c. Please continue to report pollution to the EA! 0800 807060</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>4. Deculverting and renaturalisation from Poplar Rd to Briggate</p> <p>a. Still waiting for the summary and response to the public consultation.</p> <p>b. No news on design and timing</p>	
<p>5. Upstream</p> <p>This is our joint project with U of Newcastle, Taiwan and others to use continuous water quality monitors.</p> <p>Testing 3 signal technologies to contact the sensors. Hoping that the one linked to the Council's network works as it has good coverage.</p> <p>Matt is hoping that YWS will put cameras in the culverts looking at confluences with Bowling Beck and Eastbrook.</p>	
<p>6. Signage.</p> <p>a. Beck naming signs – no news</p> <p>b. Hole Bottom Beck sign has been cut down. Rob will report to ROW at the council.</p>	<p>Wendy will find out about progress</p> <p>Rob</p>
<p>7. Launch of Yorkshire Heritage Way from Bradford to Ripon</p> <p>a. inaugural 4 day walk of the trail, starting at 10.00am on Friday 29 April from Bradford Cathedral.</p> <p>b. Details from www.burleybridge.com</p> <p>c. Irene to meet them at Poplar Rd and walk through to Briggate and tell them about the daylighting etc</p>	<p>Irene</p>
<p>8. Bullgreave Beck clean-ups, 7/8 and 28/29 April</p> <p>Planning meeting with FOBB, ART, ward officers, representative of cemeteries and drainage on 29th March.</p> <p>All go. We will have PCSO cover. Nick will bring ART team and kit. See separate email.</p>	<p>Barney to send briefing email</p>

<p>9. NOTE, this item only by report: Group activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Well attended litterpicks on 13th and 27th March b. See Bullgreave Beck above. c. 'Miss Connection' did a school event with 60(?) kids and several teachers at Addingham Primary. She's also mentioned FOBB/Beck in several of her other projects. d. I was asked to lead a Five Becks walk for Bradford College students but couldn't go due to illness. However John saw them in the field and gave them the pitch on what we do! 	
<p>10. Minutes of last meeting – on website</p>	
<p>11. Next meetings and events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Quarterly catch-ups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 11th July. All agreed that we did not want to change to Thursdays to avoid Texas Rose line dancers on Mondays! We'll continue to meet quarterly on Monday evenings at 7:30. ii. 10th Oct b. Litterpicks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 7-8 April, Bullgreave Beck, 10-3:30 ii. 28-29 April, Bullgreave Beck, 10-3:30 c. 19 April, FOBB stall at Scholemoor Beacon 	