

CAYTON PARISH FLOOD & SNOW GROUP
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Notes of Meeting held on Wednesday 16th October at 11.00am

Present: - Cllr John Hall (chairman), Cllr Roberta Swiers (Cayton Parish Council/ NYC), Andy Crossley (NYC), Cllr Christine Lockyer (Cayton Parish Council), Mike Aitchison (NYC) ,two members of the public and Parish Clerk Gill Armstrong

1. **Apologies** were received from Joe Allen - Environment Agency , Yorkshire Water , Resilience Team at NYC
2. **Public Participation** – Member of Public explained concerns re flooding on Church Lane with the potential for the same onto North Lane due to the St Johns development and also the drains – it was noted that the drains were being cleared today by NYC.

Member of the public spoke in relation to the flooding of the Highway at Killerby and the concern not only to the frontage of houses but the fact that at some point it may encroach into properties. Some drivers are ignoring the road closed signage and driving too fast through the water that then creates a wave towards properties- the Clerk also read out two emails from a member of the public detailing the same as well as the inability for the buses to access near by when the road is flooded thus preventing people with access needs to get out. This area is on the agenda for this meeting and further discussion – all comments noted.

3. **Members reports - .**

Coulson Drain – Cllr Hall reports that he monitors the drain at least twice a week and clears debris , Andy Crossley reminds the meeting that there are automatic level gauges in place also which are monitored .

Beck Hole Drain – This is the drain that comes out at the side of the Community Land and the one that Barratts have riparian ownership for – the Clerk informs of the current issues in relation to the collapse of the ditch sides and the fact that the Parish Council have not taken the land on due to the ongoing concern around this and advice from NYC. It is suggested that the Clerk will contact Mark Henderson at NYC in relation to a possible breach of the land drainage act in relation to this and also Yorkshire Water re the Section 104 agreement conditions. It is noted that there is no longer the ability for a local Yorkshire Water contact which makes contact difficult.

Killerby Drains – Cllr Swiers reports that she has had contact with a resident who is very frustrated with the ongoing flooding issues at Killerby that is backed up by the emails to the Parish Office. She reports that she has had to get the road closed a number of times due to the level of water and is concerned that not only could this water encroach into properties but it is also preventing older people from getting out. She is also aware that some businesses in that area are encouraging people to drive through the flood water even when the road is closed.

Police can enforce this closure as can NYC however the Police are the first port of call – members however report that there seems to be some confusion with NYP when they are contacted, especially by a NYC Councillor and they attempt to defer the responsibility of closure. The Clerk will make contact with NYP to raise concern.

In relation to the concern regarding the water coming from the land , Andrew Santon from NYC Highways reported to the Clerk that “ *The situation at Killerby is that the highway drainage system leads into a watercourse that runs on private land to the south of the carriageway- this is not being maintained by the landowner hence the water does not drain away. We have tried in the past to get the farmer to carry out*

maintenance work on this watercourse but their response has always been fairly negative. The situation is made worse by the lack of effective drainage from the land above the road which again just ends up on the carriageway.”

It is noted that there are grants available to landowners and Mike Aitchison agreed to contact the Landowner to discuss the issues and possible solutions, he will let the Clerk know the outcome. Mike reports that it has been flagged as a flooding hotspot and is on a 6 month gulley clean rota – all pipework/ manholes are to be jetted and inspected. He also reminds the meeting that persons driving through Road Closed signage are then not covered by their insurance.

The Clerk informs the public that we do have a public sandbag store at the rear of the hall for loans of bags if the weather forecast suggests heavy downpours.

Drain/Gulley Inspections – NYC report that the gullies are cleaned on a risk basis of 1 in 30 years or 1 in 100 year events. They are mapped out and on an annual or bi annual cleaning rota – there are 29,000 gullies in the Scarborough area. They are being cleaned today in this Parish. When members of the Public report blocked drains it is often the case that they are not blocked but full of water further up the system and that water they see is waiting to go into the pipes.

The Clerk reports issues with the updates on the Parish Portal, they default to no further action from NYC even if work has been done and this has been a software issue.

Mike will look at the issues on Church Lane and North Lane in relation to the water and levels of pavement. He notes that developers really should take more awareness of flooding and take on responsibility for this. He will liaise with Mark Henderson who has responsibility in relation to new developments.

He will also look at the speed restrictions on Killerby bends, suggesting that the asset team look at traffic numbers

4. No reports were received from other agencies.
5. **Date & time of the next meeting** - time & date to be confirmed for January 2025

Signed: -

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