

Flood Management Working Party

Held at Dalby Room – Ryedale House, Malton
on Tuesday 6 September 2022

Present

Councillors Keal (Chair) and Potter

In Attendance

Beckie Bennett Gary Collins and Lily Hamilton

Minutes

1 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

2 Minutes from the previous FMWP meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Flood Management Working Party on 26 April 2022 were approved.

Voting record

Agreed by general affirmation

3 Yorkshire Water Update

The Flood Risk and Engagement Manager from Yorkshire Water updated the working party on various Yorkshire Water projects within Ryedale. Including that Yorkshire Water have put two schemes on hold due to various funding issues. These schemes were the Acomb Environment Survey and ditch draining, as it has been assessed that this does not have an environmental impact upon the river. However the Working Party were informed that this hold would cease in 2024.

Cllrs raised concerns surrounding whether this was likely to take place in 2024 or if the schemes would continue to be pushed further back.

The Flood Management Working Party were also informed of growing concerns from Yorkshire Water surrounding Storm Water Pumps.

The Flood Risk and Engagement Manager from Yorkshire Water remained optimistic that work on lowering flood risk is ongoing, and flood management is a priority for Yorkshire Water. Despite Cllrs concerns surrounding the media pressure on pollution and the effect this may be having on the company.

4 **Local Flood Risk Management Draft Strategy Update**

The Chair of the Flood Management Working Party informed members of the Local Flood Risk Management Draft Strategy update and notified the Working Party that there was also a further item regarding Water Storage.

5 **Yorkshire and Humber Flood Resilience Forum June 2022**

Members noted this report, and raised discussions on Yorkshire Water resilience plans.

6 **Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership**

Cllr Potter provided members with feedback from a visit to the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership, including the beaver trials which are ongoing, and the positive effect this was having in terms of river management. It was also raised that Defra will be announcing a new pragmatic policy on this subject, as well as announcing that beavers will become a protected species on the 1st of October.

7 **Update on the Vale of Pickering Internal Drainage Board Channel Management Assessment 2009**

The Head of Waste and Environment gave an update on the Vale of Pickering Internal Drainage Board Channel Management Assessment 2009, members were also informed that a representative from the Drainage Board would be joining the Flood Management Working Party at a future meeting.

8 **2021/22 Flood Management Action Plan Achievements**

The Head of Waste and Environment informed members of various updates on schemes within Brawby, and surrounding areas.

9 **2022/23 Flood Management Action Plan**

The Head of Waste and Environment informed members of ongoing work at Mill Beck, in replacing a pump.

10 **Dates of meetings 2022/23**

Members agreed upon 3 dates for future meetings:

- The 15th of November
- The 24th of January
- The 7th of March

11 **Any other business**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:08pm.