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## Flood Management Working Party

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Held at Meeting Room 1, Ryedale House, Malton  
on Tuesday 15 November 2022

### Present

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Councillors Cussons MBE, Keal (Chair) and Potter

### In Attendance

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Joe Allan, Nick Appleyard, Beckie Bennet, Lily Hamilton, James Hesketh, Grace Lawes and Becky Preston

### Minutes

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#### 12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mackenzie.

#### 13 Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Flood Management Working Party held on 6 September 2022 were approved.

#### Voting record

General affirmation

#### 14 Environment Agency update

Joe Allan, Nick Appleyard, James Hesketh, and Becky Preston, *Flood Risk Management Advisors* updated the Working Party on:

- The Malton and Norton River Defence Review, works ongoing to check conditions of these defences.
- Ongoing works taking place in the Malton and Norton area including, Wallgate, Wall – near Priorpot Beck, and a vertical wrapped embankment.
- The proactive approach which ensures work is taking place before a problem occurs.
- The focus the Environment Agency is placing on working in partnerships and the benefits of this.
- Dispersed communities having an increased risk in comparison to populated communities.
- Work taking place to investigate current river asset stock, in order to sustain projects.
- The move to a structured, evidence-based model to develop a North Yorkshire wide catchment capital programme to maximise opportunities and analyse benefits for people and the environment.
- The overarching consistent approach which is being utilised throughout 13 different areas, with a 5 step conceptual model in each area, in order to

ensure all areas across North Yorkshire have needs and opportunities examined.

- Future work including the Derwent/Rye overview to be looked at in 23/24.

The Working Party raised questions surrounding the Wallgate wall repairs, the likelihood of funding Natural Flood Management in the upper catchment, and the ongoing maintenance needed for “woody dams”.

## 15 **Fryton update**

The Head of Waste and Environment provided an update to the Working Party on works that have been undertaken within the Fryton community to prepare for flooding, and a feasibility study by the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership which has been commissioned and undertaken:

The Fryton Community have recently received a Ryedale District Council Flood Grant to provide funding towards a series of flood mitigation improvements. There are a number of conditions to meet to access the total funding requested including confirmation that a portable pump will provide suitable flood mitigation. Officers will continue to liaise with the with the Parish Council and Fryton Flood Group providing support and advise as necessary.

The Chair of the Working Party agreed to check to see if any Property Level Resilience Work to the affected properties in Fryton had been undertaken following the watertight survey and offer of financial support by the Malton Rotary Club.

The Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership Funding contribution requests towards a total scheme cost for Fryton of £40,000 following the feasibility study and an annual funding contribution by Ryedale District Council will be an agenda item at the next Flood Management Working Party meeting. If there is support to make either or both of these financial contributions any, recommendations would be made to the Policy and Resources Committee in February 2023.

## 16 **Yorkshire Water update**

The Head of Waste and Environment provided an update to the Working Party on Yorkshire Water Projects within Ryedale, including delays with progressing the proposed pumping station project in Norton and Brawby:

A meeting of the Ryedale Multi Agency Flood Group had taken place on November 2022 which had many positive outcomes including a commitment from all partners to continue with this meeting into the future. It had also been agreed to hold a separate meeting for Yorkshire Water to share the outcomes

from the Malton and Norton Drainage Study that they had been commissioned following the flooding event in 2020/21.

In addition, due to the flooding affecting the Ryedale district, the ongoing work with partners, communities and elected members is being used as pilot, with the objective being to develop a model of best practice for localities within North Yorkshire.

The Working Party asked if Yorkshire Water could be asked to provide more clarity on their investment plans for permanent solutions to the two Community Flood Groups in Norton and Malton as it is important that there is good communication with communities affected by flooding. The Head of Waste and Environment agreed to follow this up and will ask a Yorkshire Water representative to attend the next meeting of the working party.

#### 17 **Kirkbymoorside newsletter**

Grace Lawes, Senior Resilience & Emergencies Officer shared a community newsletter which is going to be issued to the residents of Keldholme and Kirby Mills who have experienced flooding in the past. This newsletter has been produced following a request by Kirkbymoorside Town Council to raise awareness of the responsibilities of individual property owners.

This newsletter informs residents of what each agency is responsible for when it comes to flooding, as well as providing further details of ongoing projects specific to the area.

Since the FM Working Party meeting this newsletter has been updated and a new version of this can be found in Annex 1.

The Working Party raised concerns surrounding listed building consent being an issue within this area.

#### **Annex 1**

#### 18 **Pump replacement update**

The Head of Waste and Environment provided a verbal update on the status of updating the current pump fleet. The Working Party were reminded that Yorkshire Water made a contribution (together with NYCC and RDC as part of the Malton and Norton and Old Malton Flood Alleviation Scheme) towards the replacement of all the very old pumps with new silent and reduced emission portable pumps. A compliant replacement plan is currently being explored by the NYCC procurement team.

#### 19 **Action Plan 2022/23 update**

The Head of Waste and Environment provided a verbal update on the progress of the 2022/23 flood management action plan and the development of short medium and long term actions for the Ryedale locality to be taken forward by the new North Yorkshire Council.

20 **Dates of future meetings**

- Tuesday 24 January 2023
- Monday 6 March 2023

21 **Any other business**

The Head of Waste and Environment informed the working party of the national flood exercise taking place this week which the North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum were taking part in including all district and borough Councils, which was being used as an opportunity to test the command and control structure proposed for the new North Yorkshire Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

## RYEDALE FLOOD RISK

Working together to reduce the risk of flooding.

Many communities in the Ryedale district are at risk from flooding from rivers and surface water during heavy rainfall. Organisations including the Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water, local and town councils all work together to reduce the risk of flooding to residential properties and businesses. The responsibility of each organisation is explained below.

**IF THERE'S AN  
EMERGENCY AND  
THERE IS DANGER TO  
LIFE CALL 999**

### YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A PROPERTY OWNER

As a landowner near water courses, there are things that you can do to support the prevention of flooding.

#### To help minimise impacts from flooding you could:

- Allow excess rainfall flow through your land/garden.
- Keep your land clear of objects that could cause an obstruction and increase the risk of flooding.
- Maintain any trees and shrubs that grow alongside your section of the riverbed and banks.
- Clear any litter and animal carcasses from the beck and banks, even if they are not from your land (contact the Environment Agency for help and advice.)
- Leave the edges (up to 9m) of the riverbank clear and free of development to allow access.
- Keep any structures on your land such as bridges, culverts, trash screens, weirs and mill gates clear of debris.
- Control any invasive plants such as Japanese knotweed.

For more information about living by a river visit:

[www.gov.uk/owning-a-watercourse](http://www.gov.uk/owning-a-watercourse)

03708 506 506

### BE PREPARED FOR FLOODING

The Environment Agency provide a free Flood Warning Service to warn residents and businesses when flooding could be expected.

By registering for the service, you will receive an advanced warning of potential flooding in your area. This gives you time to stay safe, take action and prepare yourself and your property to minimise any impact the flood may cause.

The team can also help you make a personal flood plan, so you know what to do in the event of a flood.

To register for the service visit:

[www.flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings](http://www.flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings)  
0345 988 1188

### ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

The Environment Agency are responsible for managing the risk of flooding from main rivers, reservoirs, estuaries, and the sea. They look at ways of reducing the risk of flooding and regulate the way water enters the river. Before, during and after a flood they will review and check any main river defenses which may have been used.

#### Contact the Environment Agency to:

Report an obstruction in the river or becks which may lead to flooding.

Report pollutions or a flooding incident.

[www.gov.uk/environment-agency](http://www.gov.uk/environment-agency)  
0800 80 70 60

### YORKSHIRE WATER

Yorkshire Water is responsible for the public sewer systems in the region. They are also responsible for the clean and raw water networks within the area.

Contact Yorkshire Water if:



- Sewage has come into your property – 03451 242424
- Sewage is outside of your property – 03451 242424
- You can see water leakage from the network mains – 0800 573 553

[www.yorkshirewater.com](http://www.yorkshirewater.com)  
03451 24 24 24

### **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

North Yorkshire County Council are the lead flood risk authority. They are responsible for:

- Making sure the highway drainage assets within our streets and roads such as gullies, drains and culverts are working and maintained
- Clear any of our blocked or collapsed gullies and drains
- Investigating and assessing flood risks from surface water, groundwater and existing watercourses (not main river)
- Prepare and maintain a strategy for local flood risk management
- Play a lead role in emergency planning and recovery after a flood event. Including having plans in place to respond to emergencies

[www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk)  
01609 780780

### **RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ryedale District Council are part of the multi-agency response to flooding working alongside partners to help communities at risk from flooding. They also support the recovery and clean up phase.

You can contact Ryedale District Council to request sandbags if your home is at risk.

<https://www.ryedale.gov.uk> or  
<https://www.ryedale.gov.uk/information/community/>

[emergencies/the-councils-role-in-dealing-with-flooding/01653 600666](#)

### **KIRKBYMOORSIDE TOWN COUNCIL**

The Town Council works with and supports all agencies in preparedness and response to flooding.

It also has developed a community emergency plan which has included identifying buildings to be used as a rest centre in an evacuation, individuals and businesses who can offer support and those who would need assistance.

If you could offer or require help please contact the Town Council.

There is also a sandbag store at Milestone Metals on the Kirby Mills industrial estate for locals to help themselves to in the event of a flood.

[www.kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk)  
01751 432217

### **NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE**

North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue have plans in place to respond to flooding. They will

- Prioritise calls where lives may be at risk.
- Help rescue people at risk and assist with evacuations.
- Will work with partner organisations to protect important sites such as hospitals and power stations.
- Pump water from buildings where appropriate.

<https://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/your-safety/safe-on-the-road/floodwater/>

### **Vale of Pickering Internal Drainage Board**

The Vale of Pickering Internal Drainage Board maintains around 385km of watercourses in its district, and covers an area between Kirkbymoorside





and Malton, from Ampleforth in the west to Muston in the east. Most of the watercourses it maintains are entirely engineered and are not natural waterbodies; they have been cut into the land over centuries for the sole purpose of improving drainage and reducing flood risk. However, the Board does also maintain a limited number of natural or modified natural watercourses and rivers.

In addition to watercourse maintenance works, within its district the Board is the consenting authority for works on or near a watercourse, or any development that is likely to have an impact on the local land drainage system. This is so the Board can check that proposed works meet acceptable technical standards and appropriate maintenance arrangements are in place.

[www.yorkshirehumberdrainage.gov.uk](http://www.yorkshirehumberdrainage.gov.uk)





Below you will see updates from various organisations who are working in and around the Kirkbymoorside area to help alleviate flooding.

### **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

Following the study of potential Natural Flood Management (NFM) measures within the River Dove catchment, which Kirkbymoorside Town Council (KTC) pro-actively commissioned through JBA, the Environment Agency (EA) is working in partnership with KTC, Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership led by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (YWT), the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) and North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) to further appraise options and bid for funding to support investigation and delivery of such measures within the River Dove catchment.

Work has begun to discuss the opportunity with landowners and on funding bids and development of a business case. If engagement with the community and landowners is successful, and funding can be secured, measures such as land management change, tree and riparian planting, swales and woody debris dams could follow. These measures should also complement the management objectives for drainage infrastructure held by the relevant authorities. To achieve the desired effect, whole catchment implementation is best. Any measures will need to be designed in a way to support landowners and the rural economy whilst helping to tackle the source and pathways of flooding in the town and to reduce peak flood volumes and levels downstream.

NFM brings wider benefits to water quality, habitat and biodiversity too whilst also helping to store carbon. A scheme of this kind won't prevent all river flooding from happening but it can help reduce the risks.

### **KIRKBYMOORSIDE TOWN COUNCIL**

In order to address the issue of flooding in Keldholme, Kirby Mills and the wider catchment, the Town Council is actively engaged in discussions with local authorities and agencies namely the Environment Agency (EA), North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC as the Lead Local Flood Authority and Highways Authority), Ryedale District Council and Yorkshire Water.

The Town Council also commissioned a report into Natural Flood Management for the entire catchment which the Town Council has been persistent in its efforts to ensure that the recommendations are actioned by the appropriate agencies/authorities.

