

As the Parish Council were not quorate the Parish Council meeting could not go ahead so it was agreed to hold a public meeting.

Public Meeting held 9th January 2017

Present: Two members of the Parish Council, five members of the public, County/District Councillor L Casling Landowner) and Anita Ledger, Chris Page and Rob Illingworth (Yorkshire Water)

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the concerns raised regarding the pumping station at Westfields.

- On going disruption to residents of Westfield with the noise of the external pumps that operate day and night. A number of residents have complained that they are having difficulty sleeping.
- Tankers collecting waste often during unsocial hours.
- Continued call outs to deal with the breakdown of the pumping mechanism after heavy rain.
- No remedial action to tackle the fundamental problem that the pumping station cannot cope with the amount of waste water in the village.
- Concerns about health with overflowing waste in the road.

Chris Page advised that Yorkshire Water have recently spent £30,000 on improvements to the pumping station including non return valves and noise reducing doors with a new compression and ejector to be installed at the end of January.

It was noted that ½ tonne of silt has been removed since September which was slowing down the water flow and that a resident had switched off the generator on a number of occasions so Yorkshire Water had no option but to send tankers in.

It was also reported that Yorkshire Water have received no complaints regarding the pumping station since September 2016 and that they would continue to monitor the situation and keep the pumping station maintained. Anita Ledger (Yorkshire Water Case Manager) asked that any concerns/complaints are reported directly to her to investigate.

It was agreed that a piece would be put in the next Round Up advising residents to raise any concerns/complaints with the Parish Council in the first instance so these can be forwarded to Anita Ledger and reiterating Yorkshire Waters advice on preventing blocked drains.

Concern was raised regarding the proposed planning application for North House Farm and Rob Illingworth reiterated Yorkshire Waters obligation to accept foul water.

Discussion took place regarding surface water and County/District Councillor agreed to contact NYCC Highways and ask them to check the highway gullies.

Chris Page agreed to ensure that tankers are not sent during the night/early morning unless in the event of an emergency.

A brief public session was also held and a number of residents raised concern regarding speeding traffic.

