

Notes from the Flood Update Meeting held on Wednesday 16 November 2016 at The Old Courthouse, 37 George Street, Pocklington, YO42 2DH

The meeting was organised by Pocklington Town Council but isn't a Town Council meeting.

Present – Cllr T Jones (Chair), Cllr Cooper, Cllr Green, Cllr Perry, Cllr Sharpe Cllr Sinton and Cllr West, Adrian Smith (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) and 14 members of the public.

Adrian Smith gave an update on the proposed alleviation scheme north of the town and POC C allocation. The planning application for the alleviation scheme will be submitted shortly.

There have been no amendments to the alleviation scheme since they were presented at a public meeting in the summer. The scheme will cost between £4 and £4.5 Million with a £3 Million contribution from the developer of POC C. East Riding of Yorkshire Council has put in grant applications for the shortfall. Adrian explained that the cost estimate may come down as East Riding over estimate what a scheme will cost to deliver. ERYC have experience of delivering large flood alleviation schemes such as Cottingham and Orchard Park, Willerby/Derringham and Hessle. The Pocklington scheme is much smaller than these. These schemes were paid for with European Funding and Central Government Funding.

Gordon Scaife gave a verbal report on work that has been carried out in the Town and proposed by ERYC and Pocklington Town Council.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council has created a ditch behind the houses in Denison Road. This ditch will direct water back into Pocklington Beck and protect homes on Denison Road.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council has proposed increasing the size of the storm drain in front of the small Co-operative Store. This drain will have twice the capacity of the existing and will help to divert excess surface water into the culverts under the town.

The Clerk has written to Environment Agency (EA) about Pocklington Beck between London Street/Bridge Street and the back of the Post Office and the Beck next to All Saints Churchyard. The vegetation in the Beck is slowing the flow and therefore more silt is being deposited in the channel. This will restrict flow. The Friends of Pocklington Green Spaces have cut back this vegetation but the roots have not been removed. The Clerk has written to the EA suggesting that the Town Council and the EA work in partnership to address this issue.

The CCTV survey work on the culverts has not been completed yet.

### **Public Discussion**

Residents from Mile End Park expressed concerns about the new development and the proposed flood alleviation scheme.

Residents expressed concerns about the amount of silt and gravel being deposited in the culverts under the town and the bridge on Bridge Street. These issues will be reported to the EA.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.