

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL EMERGENCY AND FLOOD COMMITTEE

The Policy & Resources Committee of Pocklington Town Council met at **7pm** on Wednesday 5th September 2018 in the Town Meeting Room, The Old Courthouse, George Street, Pocklington.

Present: Cllr Jones (Chair), Cllr Ratcliffe, Cllr Spademan, Cllr West and, Cllr Winterton

In attendance: G. Scaife (Town Clerk)

1. Notice of meeting
The Notice of meeting was proposed by Cllr Spademan 2nd Cllr Ratcliffe and agreed
2. To accept apologies for absence. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cooper (holiday) and Cllr Hodgson (work)

Declarations of Interest

3. To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members were asked when declaring interests to identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

No declarations were received.

4. Update on the Town Council's Emergency Plan.

The Emergency Plan is up to date. The contact details for the parish councils need checking as at least one has changed clerks since last September.

The plan needs to be updated once confirmation from East Riding of Yorkshire Council has been received to say the flood alleviation scheme on The Mile has been completed. The Clerk will send a reminder to ERYC.

The alleviation scheme will reduce the flood risk and provide more time in putting temporary flood defence works in place and warning members of the public.

5. To receive and agree the Clerk's report.

Emergencies declared since the last Emergency and Flood Committee.

Pocklington Beck. There have been two instances on the beck, only one required sand bags to be deployed in the town centre. The beck peaked before the sand bags were needed.

The Environment Agency has provided the following updates. The most recent reports on the culverts in Pocklington Town Centre show there are no issues to be overly concerned about. There are some minor defects such as

missing bricks in a few places, but taking these into context with the size and structure of the culverts they don't present an immediate issue.

The screen and culvert under Bridge Street are to be assessed for sediment build up.

Winter 2017/18 The winter of 2017/18 started mild but had a sting in the tail with the Beast from the East arriving in March 2018. There was severe snow on two days. The footpaths were gritted and cleared where possible.

Works planned

The Beck walls around the churchyard require checking. This work will be done in September weather permitting. Access to the Beck is difficult due to walls and fences. In addition to a check on the walls the plan is to cut back vegetation and remove any litter from the stream bed.

6. To agree to advertise for volunteers for snow clearing and arrange training.

Cllr West proposed that adverts should be placed in the Pocklington Post and on social media asking for volunteers to help with snow clearance and gritting. A training session should be arranged with the Council's handyperson at the allotments to meet the volunteers and familiarise them with the equipment. 2nd Cllr Spademan agreed.

7. Consider how the new development will impact on winter maintenance routes.

There was a discussion about the number of salt/grit bins in Pocklington and whether the Town Council should purchase some new bins.

New bins cost £340 and to fill one costs £41 this is the charge through East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

The initial thought is that new bins should be placed close to the junctions where main roads meet a main estate road e.g. The Balk/Broadmanor Sherbuttgate Road North/Yapham Road. Bins only work if residents use them to grit the roads.

Cllr Winterton reported that there are several bins in the Chapel Hill area. The Clerk reported that the Town Council has refilled a number of bins including those on The Mile/Kirkland Street and Maxwell Road. The Clerk will order salt for the forthcoming winter period.

It was agreed to produce a report on the number of new bins needed and the cost which is to be presented to Full Council.

The meeting closed at 7.28pm