

Notes taken at the Gypsey Race Meeting 6th July 2021. 18.00

Members of the council in attendance.

Paul Tripp – Head of Streetscene Services at East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Steve Charlton – Principal Engineer of the Flood Risk Management Team
Jane Evison – Ward Councillor

Keith Wells opened the meeting giving a brief overview of what the purpose of the meeting was for and introduced Paul Tripp and Steve Charlton from the council.

Steve Charlton explained the ownership of the Gypsey Race – as this is a natural watercourse it is the responsibility of the landowner whose land the watercourse runs through to maintain the bed and banks of the watercourse. This is known as Riparian Responsibilities and failure to carry out your responsibilities could mean you face legal action from the relevant enforcing and consenting authority under the 1991 land drainage act.

Paul Tripp advised that an inspection will take place by Streetscene to check the banks of the Gypsey Race through Burton Fleming to Boynton where it becomes a main river. Any blockages or issues will then be advised to the landowner who will be asked to clear and maintain which should then allow the Gypsey Race to flow. If no action taken then letters will be issued

Questions/ statements asked by the audience:

Mandy Lindley – Who is responsible for the Gypsey Race if the property is on the edge of the race?
Answer - the landowner under Riparian Responsibilities.

Edward Lindley – had previously requested a neighbour to clean Gypsey Race as this had not been done for 20 years – so how come this had not been addressed before? Can there be a public list of Riparian Owners?
Answer – Admit work needs to be done to ensure landowners adhere to responsibilities – this will be picked up in the inspection by Streetscene – letters will be issued in areas of land that need attention.

Ward Councillor Jane Evison – What effect on the Gypsey Race where people have filled in their watercourse.
Answer – we may need to repair where needed to ensure the flow is not obstructed.

Steven Wells – Questioned ownership of Gypsey Race if not on deeds.
Answer – Riparian responsibilities as detailed ... <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>

Rob Hetherington – not one manhole cover from Back Lane village hall to Pub – camber on road does not allow water to run into Gypsey Race – Gully's not tested and failed when under pressure from last floods.

Trish Hope – Monitoring devices in place – what back up is behind the trigger
Answer – Formal trigger plan is activated once trigger set off – this notifies all concerned.

Peter Mawer – is there a policy to monitor the flow of the Gypsey Race on route to Bridlington around Eastfield Garden Centre area which has experienced flooding.

Answer – No policy in place – suggests that riparian repairs not done by landowners – looking at natural flood management no policy on Gypsey Race- Breakpoint downstream Rudston as it becomes main river through Boynton.

Steve Wells – is the weir still operational
Audience members answered that they didn't think it was.

Edward Lindley – Only checking flow to Rudston is pointless – all the Gypsey race needs to be checked.

Trish Hope – if issues are highlighted can they be passed onto the Environment Agency

Steve Charlton – other Parish Councils organise regular Beck walks and then report back to ERYC of findings –

Gentleman from Wold Newton requested that inspection is done to Wold Newton or all the way.

Shirley Sutton – Heard rumours that farmer in Wold Newton was looking to fill in his part of the Gypsey Race.
Answer – this would need planning permission.

Edward Lindley – check needs to be done foxholes to Rudston

Tony Gibson wished to record Thanks to Edward Lindley for all the help and assistance given at the last floods which saw an instant reduction in the height of the Gypsey Race once it was cleared.

Ward Councillor Jane Evison - could we have a name and contact number for the Environmental agency –

Answer – we had to contact through proper channels - not allowed to give out details.

Edward Lindley – Believes Gypsey race was dug in a way to work with the flow of water – with all the obstructions this is not happening.

Mandy Lindley – asked when the inspection walk would take place.

Answer – over the next few weeks with the report being issued to the Parish Council.

Keith Wells thanked everyone for their input and once the report is back, next steps will be discussed and shared.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/council/plans-and-policies/other-plans-and-policies-information/flood-risk/>

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