

## Kirkbymoorside Town Council

### Information for meeting on Monday 18 July 2022

#### 7. To consider financial matters:

##### a. To report accounts paid since the last meeting of the Council and to approve cheque payments according to the list provided

Description	Supplier	Total
Sports field Electric Bill 25/04-24/05/2022	British Gas	64.82
Bank Charges	HSBC	39.50
Supply & Fit commando sockets for Christmas motifs	North Yorkshire County Council	5,184.04
Original cheque no.103583 cancelled/ uncashed - replaced by cheque no. 103671	Glenn Burnett	-858.96
Cheque no. 103671 to replace cheque no.103583 cancelled/uncashed	Glenn Burnett	858.96
Delivery of the Moorsider	Mike Martin	140.00
Ryedale Community Foodbank 6 months rent	Kirkbymoorside Methodist Church	468.00
Grant to contribute towards the cost of printing local Shopping Guide	Kirkbymoorside Environment Group	450.00
Installation of 7no. tree planters on market place (including fixings)	P&A Gospel	120.00
Remedial repairs @ Old Road play area	P&A Gospel	285.00
Contribution to annual cleaning of Church House	Clic	1,400.00
Contribution to Church House Utility Bills 01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022	Kirkbymoorside Community Library	278.97
Meeting Room Hire 2022/23	Kirkbymoorside Community Library	176.00
Moorside Room Water Charges	Business Stream	17.23
PAYE	HMRC	549.06

#### 8. Flood Risk Management

##### a. To receive the latest information on Flood Risk Management

##### b. To consider the draft body of text for a 'Ryedale Flood Risk' leaflet to be issued by Ryedale District Council and agree any comments

#### 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 and regional 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.

#### RYEDALE COUNCIL

Ryedale Council are responsible for local flood response. They make sure the highway drainage networks such as streets and roads are clear and maintained, help communities recover from flooding and, in some cases, provide financial assistance to those affected by floods.

#### Contact Ryedale Council to:

- Report a blocked, damaged, or missing manhole, drain cover or gully grate.

- Request sandbags if your home is at risk.
- Find out what financial assistance is available if you have been affected by floods.

[https://www.ryedale.gov.uk/services/flooding/01653 600666](https://www.ryedale.gov.uk/services/flooding/01653%20600666)

#### **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.
- Sewage is outside of your property. (You can check to see if someone has already reported the flood on their website.)
- You can see water leakage from the network mains.

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

#### **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 brooks 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

#### **YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A PROPERTY OWNER**

As a landowner near or within the Ryedale district, 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 brook and banks, even if they are not from your land (contact the Environment Agency for help and advice.)

- Leave the edges 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 millgates 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 to 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**

#### **c. To receive correspondence from a member of the public with regards to flooding affecting Swineherd Lane and agree an appropriate response**

To; Kirkbymoorside Town Council  
 From; [REDACTED], Swineherd Lane, Kirkbymoorside  
 Re; Flood Risk Management  
 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Town Council

Thank you for your letter keeping people informed about the efforts of the Town Council to understand the frequent flooding of Keldholme and Kirby Mills. Having read through both reports referred to I feel I must make a point that there is an issue concerning the frequent flooding of Swineherd Lane as that appears to have been overlooked. This is particularly relevant in view of the proposed plans to build houses below Swineherd Lane, both now and more in the future.

Each year, sometimes on multiple occasions, the highways drainage system is unable to cope with the sheer volume of surface water cascading from the north of Swineherd Lane. The whole area containing Kildare Wood and the Old Brickyard, an area of approximately 5.25 hectares, drains entirely onto Swineherd Lane. It has nowhere else to go due to the local topography that acts as a giant funnel. The length of Swineherd Lane concerned, approx 300m, then drains naturally down to a single point between Rivendell and Throstle House. Drains in the road do intercept a proportion of that water. Some goes into the highway drainage system as stated (3.4.11 and 7.1.4 in the 2002 report) and all that water is directed

to the ditch below Throstle House. That ditch is not maintained and has not been in living memory so the resulting vegetation impedes the flow of water that does eventually drain slowly and naturally down to Kirby Mills. This is Natural Flood Management in action and any plans to widen and deepen this ditch, as currently suggested, would obviously speed the flow of water down to Kirby Mills, completely contrary to the Town Council's aim of 'slowing the flow'.

However, some of the drains on Swineherd Lane also direct some of the water into Yorkshire Water's combined surface water and sewage system. This is not recognised in either report. In very heavy rainfall the pressure in that system becomes so great that the manhole cover in my neighbours garden, Woodleigh, is pushed off and a mix of sewage and water gushes between our two properties and into the field below. The builders of these properties had local knowledge and landscaped both gardens to account for the inevitable flooding off Swineherd Lane so fortunately nothing ever enters either property. We have asked Yorkshire Water to come and remove any resulting 'debris' in the past, but in reality there is such a large volume of surface water, and little evidence of 'solids' that by the time the incident is over it has more or less cleared itself. Obviously this situation should not be acceptable in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Despite the fact that there are these two systems draining Swineherd Lane, during heavy and persistent rain they are unable to cope with the sheer volume of water and the road between Rivendell and Throstle House frequently floods. Fortunately there is a natural overflow provided by the gateway into the field between those two properties (see attached photo). The water then percolates down that field and it drains slowly and naturally down to Kirby Mills. The bottom of that field does show on recent flood risk maps as liable to flooding and this water is part of the reason for that flooding.

It is appreciated that the Town Council is not directly responsible for remedying flooding problems, but in view of the work that it has already undertaken could I respectfully request that this additional information is passed on to the authorities and agencies concerned . I will of course continue to make my own representations to them.

Yours Sincerely

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Swineherd Lane overflow between Rivendell and Throstle House