

Drainage

The Chairman reported that he had visited Ken Pick as discussed at the previous Parish Council meeting, but that it was Mr. Pick's opinion that were the plug which is Quarry Bridge to be removed this would allow flood water to gush towards Scarthingwell, added to which the bridge was required for access. The possibility of installing either a sluice gate on London Road or a soakaway in the corner of the field adjacent to London Road were also discussed, and the Chairman left a copy of LDC's most recent report with Mr. Pick, who promised to read into the matter further.

Moving on, it was observed that the soakaway at Cold Hill had been very effective, but that it was now in need of digging out, and the question of maintenance of all the soakaways was then discussed, and it was noted that Richard Bayston had agreed to consider undertaking some maintenance work. In addition to this, Cllr. Mr. Fairclough agreed to obtain costings for ongoing maintenance of soakaways. Cllr. Ms Marshall reminded the meeting that it had been previously agreed to reinstate the dyke on the west side of Main Street in front of The Cottage, and Cllr. Mr. Fairclough felt that to install a soakaway just beyond the last house on the north side of Headwell would alleviate totally the flooding problem being experienced by Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse at Manor Cottage. The procedure is that a hole is excavated down to bedrock, and the cost is estimated to be between £3K and £5K per soakaway

Cllr. Ms Marshall now asked for approval to appoint Blakeys officially as contractors for the Main Street works, and this was given, enabling Ms Marshall to ask Blakeys to make another visit to site to finalise both their programme and their price. It was envisaged that their original price of around £22K would increase to around £30 taking into account traffic management costs and other unquantifiables. It was agreed that the priority for the work was Saxton Lane, then Main Street.

Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman, should, by means of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency

Cllr. Mr. Fairclough advised that the lamp out outside White Rose Mill was out and the Clerk would alert the electrician

Regarding the Mint Festival held on the 29th September at Lotherton Hall, Cllr. Mr. Fairclough had complained to the organisers at the time about the noise, and now asked the Clerk to write a formal letter of protest.

Date of Next Meeting

This was already set for Tuesday 13th November 2012