

**INFORMAL PARISH COUNCIL NOTES**  
**On-site meeting with Area 1 Highways**  
**Meeting held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon.**

**In response to Melsonby village surface water and sewage infrastructure.  
15/0072/FULL development of 44 houses at Limegarth, Moor Road, Melsonby  
AMENDED Proposal.**

**A meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 on site visit starting at Limegarth at 12 noon. Parish Councillors: Cllr J Stansfield (JS) (Chair), Cllr V Elrington (VE) (Vice Chair), Cllr Cllr T Sutton (TS), Cllr W Nixon (WN) and Neil Linfoot and Merion Jones from Area 1 Highways.**

The aim of this meeting was for the Parish Council to share their concerns with Area 1 Highways.

The members showed the highways team the routes of the water courses from up Moor Road - The proposed development field at the back of Moor Road and St James Close as to how they could, and indeed have, impacted residents as they converge at the entrance of the proposed Limegarth development and flow towards these properties on Moor Road, St, James Close and into Everades. The PC explained about the wall built by, and at cost, to the PC because no other outside agencies were interested or bothered.

PC members then showed the blocked drain outside No 8 Moor Road and had been for some 6 years. Following on the team were shown the possible road subsidence running along the beck on West Road due to heavy traffic flow being directed due to parking issues. Then onto the big issues at the ford and the blocked drain under the culvert. Highways were shown the blocked areas surrounding the sump in Mr Shaw's land at the entrance to the culvert. The water was flowing quite substantially due to moderate rain fall and proved the point about the dangers presented to residents and the local school including flooding, icing up in freezing conditions and aqua-planing from speeding vehicles. (Just a foot note here - during our discussions two vehicles sped through creating large plumes of sprayed water and one vehicle actually slowed down only after TS flagged them to do so) It was also pointed out about road side erosion from the water flow.

PC members showed Highways the source of extra water being channelled towards the village from the fields at the top of Moor Road. The verges were examined and the work done by the land owners on the clearing of the ditches and addition of piping to allow the water to flow freely towards the village. Three areas were identified that needed clearing of built-up debris from rubbish thrown from vehicles and vegetation. It was also noted that roads had been swept by the RDC road sweeper the previous day but several chunks not swept because cars there and we are still not being informed beforehand to get cars moved and keep the roads clear for the sweeper.

Finally, TS mention the speeding issues in the village and the disappointment at the lack of effort shown regarding the road safety lining and SLOW signage that has worn away from the road surfaces through the village.

In conclusion the Highways team put forward the legislation that binds them and the responsibility that land owners have on keeping verges and ditches clear to allow for unimpeded water flow, as water will always find its own course

(leading to possible flooding?) if the natural or designated channels are blocked. So, the team are going to implement the following works order:

1 - Clear the drain outside no 8 Moor Road to allow for better water clearance in that area.

2 - Clear the blocked culvert under the road at the ford to allow more water flow under the road and reduce the surface water issues.

3 - Remedial repairs to the road surface around the ford area.

4 - White lining team to address the lining and signage through the village. (It was explained about the need for dry conditions to allow this).

All in all, it was a positive meeting to show our full issues and what Highways can do (and not...!) and the majority of the issues remain with land owners and NWA - which we are dealing with.