

RUFFORTH PARISH COUNCIL, YORWASTE LIAISON GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT RUFFORTH VILLAGE INSTITUTE - 14:00, 09 August 2021

Present: **Yorwaste:** Kevin Smith.

Rufforth YLG: Peter Rollings, Andrew Mate, Nick Murray, Helen Butterworth, Jane Wright.

Apologies: Anne Powell

Operational Update.

KS reported that there were no significant changes to operations and processes have settled into a routine over the past 18 months. Yorwaste are giving thought to a small solar array on site to help reduce the high running costs for the liquid processing activities. If this were to be installed it would be unobtrusive and contained within the facility.

Vehicle movements.

Numbers of vehicles remain within forecast and, despite a dip during lockdown, are in line with anticipated levels overall. KS is waiting for CYC to develop ideas for a guard rail opposite the site entrance as an added deterrent to right-turning HGVs.

Site matters.

KS reported that some of the later, deep water borrow pits are to be filled in as a Health & Safety issue. The older pits will be unaffected and are valued for their habitat and as a source of water for firefighting, should the need occur. KS also reported that the site has been acknowledged for its diversity of wildlife.

The permissive path has now been provisionally reopened, although more work may be needed if overused. KS will monitor.

Timber fencing: Trespassing is still an issue and contractors are due on site to repair damaged fencing. PR asked KS to chase up repairs to hedgerow damage and proposals for additional tree planting as raised by Barry Ottley of 'Treemendous'. KS will ask Callum to contact Barry

Action KS

Litter:

Rufforth PC thanked KS for regular clean-ups of litter on the B1224. Residents are encouraged to inform CYC of litter issues directly as they will take this seriously and improve operations of refuse vehicles.

Cycle Path Maintenance: PR has been able to establish areas of responsibility for the maintenance of the path, although some sections remain unclear. In summary they are:

Milestone to Cattle Crush Rufforth with Knapton PC.

Cattle Crush to Gun Club cattle grid CYC

Cattle grid to end of Yorwaste site boundary Yorwaste

Moor Lane to Northfield Lane TBA

Northfield Lane to Knapton TBA

Surface repairs are responsibility of CYC unless damage as a result of Yorwaste activities.

AM has spoken with Richard Hoyland of CYC concerning the state of some of the older trees along the cattle crush to gin club section and these are to be inspected.

PR asked KS to look at the bridge to see if anything can be done to address the gaps/level issues that have led to complaints from cyclists and wheelchair users.

Action KS

Benches along cycle path: PR asked KS if Yorwaste could assist in providing a path/steps to a potential bench site on the hill where there is a good view back to Rufforth village and church. It was agreed that they would meet to inspect the site ASAP.

Action KS & PR

Date of next meeting: TBA possible November 2021, PR to propose some dates.

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