

Allerthorpe Parish Council

Public Meeting in Allerthorpe Village Hall

24th January 2019 at 7.45 p.m.

held to discuss Park Leisure installing rising main through Allerthorpe Village

Present

Councillor Mike Stathers; Philip Wiltshire, Chairman Allerthorpe Parish Council; Jane Smith, Acting Clerk, Allerthorpe Parish Council; 31 parishioners.

Welcome and Introduction

Mr Wiltshire welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Councillor Stathers.

He gave a brief resume of the present situation regarding Park Leisure. One of the original conditions of planning was that foul drainage from the Golf Club site was to be directed under fields towards the water treatment works by the A1079.

In the last two weeks we have had notification that a rising main is now to be installed by EcoDrill and will run under the verges through the village. The work has already been started on the verges near the Park Leisure site. Mr Wiltshire thanked the many villagers who have written to the head of planning at ERYC, expressing concern at the sudden change contradicting the planning conditions, and questioning whether the work has been granted planning permission.

Councillor Stathers reported that this has created a very fast-moving situation. A planning application has been received and validated on the 24th January 2019. There should then be 28 days of consultation.

Village Concerns

- The work to install the Rising Main has been sub-contracted to EcoDrill, a very small firm. *[Mrs Batty]*
- Yorkshire Water will not be adopting the Main once completed, therefore who is liable for any subsequent problems with it. *[Mrs Forster]*
- 'Trenchless technology' is being used to complete the work. Who is monitoring and indemnifying it. *[Mrs Forster]*
- Park Leisure should be reassuring the village that the 3km of private sewage pipes running through the village are not going to cause any problems to our existing sewers or other services. *[Mrs Forster]*
- The ground under the surface may belong to the residents, whose permission has not been sought. *[Mr Peters]*
- The treatment works next to the A1079 is already over capacity and tankers have to come to remove effluent. *[Mr Wilkinson]*
- No approach has ever been made to the landowners of the fields as stated in the original conditions of planning, indicating that Park Leisure may never have intended to take the Main under them. *[Mr O'Gram]*

- In his email to residents on 24th January, Jeffrey Smith, the Planning Enforcement Officer for ERYC states that the work requires planning permission, but starting without permission is not an offence, but a breach of planning control. He feels that there are no obvious planning harms apparent and work can carry on.

Mr Peters felt that the work could be completed before this consultation period is over, and enforcement action should be taken to stop the work until and if planning permission is granted.

Points for Action

Mr Wiltshire asked the meeting what action was needed.

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Stathers should petition the Enforcement Officers at ERYC to stop the work until planning permission is granted.

Councillor Stathers said that the Parish Council could request that the planning application should go to the Western Area Committee.

Mr Wiltshire then encouraged everyone to comment and respond to the planning application. Questions to ask might be:

- a) Has there been a full survey?
- b) Has the plan been signed off by Yorkshire Water and other services?
- c) Who is liable for any damage caused now and in the future by the unadopted sewer?
- d) Does the contractor have sufficient liability insurance?

Mr Wiltshire thanked everyone for coming and particularly Mr Stathers for his advice and support.

Before closing the meeting Mr Wiltshire invited anyone who would like to be kept advised of important village matters to send their email addresses to the Clerk. He also encouraged people to respond to the ERYC consultation on the Allerthorpe Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting closed at 8.45p.m.