

RYTHER cum OZENDYKE PARISH COUNCIL

Flood Action Group Notes

As of Monday, 17th Nov 2025



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These are notes in lieu of minutes due to no meeting taking place due to unavailability of members

1. Members	1.Martin Farrar (MDF) Chair 2.Ian Dennis (ID) 3.Terence Caine (TC) 4. Malcolm Fisher (MF) 5. Colin Lisle 6. Tony Linley	Action
2. FAG Notices	Barry Meade resigned from the group. We thank him for his support over the years and his valued contribution.	
3. Declaration of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A	
4. Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A	
5. Public Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A	All
6. Incident Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">B1223 No closure since April2025/24 – Floris 4/82025/26 - Amy 3/10 (Also Bram, Chandra, Dave, Eddie, Fionnuala, Gerard, Hannah, Isla, Janna etc.)	
7. Communication since last meeting	NYC – (As LLFA). NYC Flood Resilience (Wendy Muldoon / Findlay Kell) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Confirmation JM, ID, and MDF are main contacts for Community Emergency Plan EA (Alex Swift)	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fleet Penstock Operation Procedure active. Maintenance carried out 7/10. Appears good order. Both NRV OK• Received support for 1st years maintenance of Mill Lane Pumping Station (£800)• Removal of fallen trees across river (July & October)• Plan to cut back riverbank trees / bushes 1/3 every year subject to discussions with stakeholders• Overgrown NRV at Ryther Drain / Bishopdyke cleared by Selby IDB <p>EA (Flood Resilience)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The New EA Flood Risk Assessment for UK is now online. https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk• This shows that most of Ryther village is now at High Risk of serious flooding within a 1:30 year event of a flood exceeding 90cm in places. The FAG was sceptical and that the EA may be in error. MDF wrote to the EA and NYC for comment• EA Data & Evidence response – The Risk Assessment is based on the “2018 Washlands Study” and more data regarding tidal surges and flood protection asset failures. Flood defences INCREASE river levels > 1M.• However further examination of the Study showed that worst case 1:100 flood events DO NOT exceed the flood defences around Ryther meaning the publicised risk assessments & maps are incorrect. EA Asset Performance confirmed heights of Ryther flood defences.• The EA admitted that errors may exist, but no timescale was given for any update.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The NYC Chief Planning Officer response - confirmed that the EA supplied Flood Zones are always used as their primary reference. <p>MP (Keir Mather)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">No new information. MDF to contact MP for support should EA need urging.	MDF
8. Fleet Flood Alleviation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cawood Pumping Station is now fully refurbished. If operated correctly this should reduce water flow to Ryther Fleet during heavy rainfall by maintaining a lower Bishop Dyke level.	
9. Mill Lane Flood Alleviation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pumping Station - Full electrical and functional test. Paid for by the EA.Riverbank erosion protection (Rip Rap held in wire cages) installed by ID and MDFTemporary remote monitoring instrumentation (Level & Power) in place to check efficiency of pumping system during flood events	
10. Other Flood Prevention Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tadcaster Flood Defences – delayed due to intervention by HS.Fleet tidy Project. Plan to clear brambles, nettles and willowherb and tree pruning to commence 24th November.	
11. Flood Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There are two official Flood Wardens (MF & MDF) and it is probable to have no Flood Wardens available in the village during a flood event. It was agreed that another Flood Warden should be recruited.The FAG is looking for more members to ensure resources during flood events and meeting quorum.If anyone's knows of any volunteers, please advise MDF.	ALL
12. Explore New Additional Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No new or additional measures.	All

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13. Next Meeting	Monday 13 th April 2026 at 7.30, Ryther Village Hall OR Added to the March Ryther PC meeting. TBA.	All
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