**Harworth Bircotes neighbourhood plan**

**Infrastructure meeting - water cycle**

**Minutes**

**Date:** 23/04/2014

**Time:** 11.30am

**Present:**

Jo Davies

Natalie Cockrell

Peter Davies (Severn Trent)

Ian Davies (BDC drainage engineer)

June Evans

Brian Letherland

Sandra James

Steve Bowman

**Apologies**:

EA

**Minutes:**

Presentation on the neighbourhood plan

* + - * + JD outlined the current plans identified in the Site Allocations Preferred Options document and summarised the existing/known problems
        + NC outlined the work done to date on the neighbourhood plan

Consultation work undertaken

Created a vision and aims for the plan

Policies included in the document

Colliery site - expansion

Three main topics:

* + - * + Water supply
        + Foul water drainage (network and treatment works)
        + Surface water drainage

Discussion on existing issues:

* + - * + Bawtry Road mini roundabouts - under road stream (JE - can this be looked at as part of the road improvements?) which backs up and causing flooding - also backs up and casing further problems higher up. ID - the existing surface water network needs checking - is it working to capacity? **Action point:** ID to further investigate this with ST
        + Festival Road: sewage problems.
        + Waste treatment works - smells awful!
        + ID offered to come to a town council meeting to discuss specific problems with the town. **Action point:** ID to attend a town council meeting.

Discussion on future provision:

* + - * + PD explained that the infrastructure in Harworth Bircotes will need to be improved - ST look to ensure that any investment in their infrastructure is based on known housing growth/commitments - and will try to ensure that any improvements help to resolve any existing problems.
        + PD discussed the waste treatment works and explained that although he is unsure of what works have been done or will be done, this will all be factored in their business plans - this is the nature of their business.
        + Water supply - no problems with quality and pressure - ST have a responsibility to provide clean water and at the right pressure and are ensuring that this remains so.
        + Foul drainage - ST did some work on this and no main issues were identified in Harworth
        + Surface water - need to ensure that any new developments are designed to maintain/reduce existing runoff rates - this will be requested as part of any development going forward.
        + Persimmon development - further work is being done on the surface water drainage issues. Local concerns raised on where the water is going...
        + Waste treatment works - PD will provide further details on the planned works and will factor in proposals.
        + **Action point:** JD to provide details of the proposed levels of growth and expected timings of this.

Summary

* + - * + ST generally happy with the proposals but will need to look carefully at what infrastructure improvements are required. Especially the extra units in the colliery site.
        + PD will do some further work on Harworth (like a mini water cycle study) on establishing what problems the growth may cause.
        + ID to look at the local issues and ensure that any new developments are balanced on site.