

At the Village Meeting held by the Parish Council on 8 February to discuss the future of Carlton's water supply system, a significant proportion of those present indicated that they would like further investigation into funding opportunities to lower the cost per household of a new water supply provided by Yorkshire Water. As a result, the Yorkshire Water Funding Committee (YWFC), a sub-committee of the Parish Council, has been formed with clear Terms of Reference to see whether grants or other forms of funding might be available.

On 20 February, some members of the YWFC joined a discussion with representatives of North Yorkshire Council, convened by the Parish Council, to consider the timescale and operational aspects of upgrading the village's water supply system. The initial meeting of the YWFC, held on 29 February, involved, amongst other items, a discussion with representatives of Yorkshire Water to determine their requirements for the installation of a new water supply system.

At the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 March, the Terms of Reference were agreed for the YWFC and the Parish Council's continuing responsibilities in relation to the present water supply system were confirmed. It was also agreed that a member of the Parish Council should serve on the YWFC, to ensure that close liaison is maintained between the two bodies. Howard Thomas has agreed to act in this role.

The YWFC met again on 12 March and is now investigating potential funding sources to help with the cost of securing a water supply from Yorkshire Water. It is recognised that this may, or may not, be achievable within the timescale agreed by the Parish Council, which runs until the end of November 2024, with the possibility of a short extension should reasonable progress in fundraising be made before then. If it can be achieved, the aim is to reduce the cost per household to a more reasonable level. However, if funding is not available, then the Parish Council will make further investigations in to the replacement of the private water supply system. In both cases, members of the village will be informed about the cost, timescales and work plan for these two options when more is known about the progress of fundraising activities.

The YWFC and the Parish Council would like to ensure that members of the Carlton community are kept up to date with its work. A page named Carlton Water Supply Upgrade on the Parish Council website ([www.parish-council.com/carlontown](http://www.parish-council.com/carlontown)) is now dedicated to matters concerning the future of the village's water supply and will be regularly updated. There will also be updates in the quarterly newsletters. We want to ensure that members of the community can ask questions about the YWFC's work, so if you have any queries, please direct them to the Clerk of the Parish Council, Marina Briggs, at [carlontownnpc@yahoo.com](mailto:carlontownnpc@yahoo.com) and we will do our best to answer them.

In addition, if you are aware of funding sources that could be explored by the YWFC please let us know, so that we can ascertain if the Yorkshire Water scheme will fit the funding criteria.

We hope that the above information is helpful in explaining the role of the YWFC, the scope of its work and the activities it has undertaken to date. Below are some of the members of the Committee so that you know who is involved in this work, on behalf of the village:

David Llewellyn (Chair), Andy Morson (Vice Chair), Marina Briggs (Parish Clerk, Howard Thomas (Parish Council Rep), Martyn Whistler, Martin Stott, Claire Hodgson, Edgar Jenkins, Alun Johnson, Stephen Pritchard, Jenny Walker, Dan Dent, Louise Priestman