

Wyre Making Space for Water Meeting

Thursday 30 August 2018

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4. Clarification of Responsibilities “To whom do Parish Councils write too, when residents/riparian owners don’t clean out dykes/watercourses?”
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 - Assign Actions to Individuals, with Target dates
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 - Sunnyside (LCC)
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 - Fleetwood Defences & Copse Brook (EA)
 - Hambleton (EA)
7. Sharing of information protocols and GDPR 2018
 - Flooding Privacy Notice (as circulated)
 - Event Recording Form (as circulated)
8. Wyre Flood Pump Demonstration (WC) – Tuesday 25 September
9. Resilience Measures: Preparing for Winter & Weather Event – 10 October 2018
10. Hot Spot List Updates (PB – RAG)

11. Key Issues for Flood Forum

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- Wyre Council
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- Environment Agency
- LCC Highway Authority
- LCC (Lead Local Flood Authority)
- Fire and Rescue Emergency Response

13. Next Meeting:

Proposed Thursday 29 November 2018



WYRE MAKING SPACE FOR WATER TECHNICAL GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30 August 2018 at Wyre Civic Centre.

Present:

Rachel Crompton (RC)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Alistair Graham (AG)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Mark Cook (MC)	Lancashire County Council (Highways)
Mark O'Donnell (MO'D)	Lancashire County Council (Highways)
Rick Holden (RH)	Lancs Fire and Rescue Service
Paul Bond (PB)	Environment Agency
Sarah Ulyatt (SU)	Environment Agency
Nicola Beale (NB)	Environment Agency
Katie Duffy (KD)	United Utilities
Phil Wylie (PW)	United Utilities
John Blundell (JB)	Wyre Council (Emergency Planning)
Carole Leary (CAL)	Wyre Council (Democratic Services Officer)

Apologies:

Carl Green (CG)	Wyre Council (WBC)
Paul Long (PL)	Wyre Council
Nigel Morris (NM)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Kevin Kellett (KK)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
John-Gareth Phillips (JP)	United Utilities
Dan Blacow (DB)	United Utilities
Louise Ashworth (LA)	United Utilities
Pippa Hodgkins (PH)	Environment Agency

Action

1 INTRODUCTIONS

RC as the interim Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were as noted above.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes and Hot Spot list of the MSfW meeting of 21 May 2018 were agreed.

Matters Arising:

- 4.4 *PL reported that, as agreed with Thornton FLAG, he was looking to identify ownership of culverts in the urban area so that they could be cleaned. NB confirmed that EA kept details of those for which they were responsible and would forward details. KD (UU) has supplied that information through to PL.*

4 CLARIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

“To whom do Parish Councils write too, when residents or land owners do not clean out dykes/watercourses?”

A form of words, to help with communication for FLAG’s and Parish Councils are to be put together by RC & AG with a link to educating people on what to say.

5 FLOODING 22/23 NOVEMBER 2017 UPDATE:

- S19 Reports on November Floods (LCC)

5.1 RC confirmed that the Section 19 report was in progress and that a deadline for the Authorities, Utilities, and Agencies to place their input within that report, is Friday 28 September and then the production of the Section 19 report for the Wyre area, will be on schedule for publishing later this year. **(For MSFW gp members only, Scale of Impact, Emergency Responses, People/Communities affected, Site Specific, Localised measures; Reports to Alistair Graham or LCC will place their own form of words on your behalf, as the S19 will be scrutinized and is a public document). Getting back to that document, this is a thin legal obligation.**

5.2 AG requested an emailed copy of the School Road report; JB gave AG a hard copy, with the proviso that CAL ask Peter Foulsham - Overview and Scrutiny Officer to email AG a copy of the version that Wyre’s O&S gp worked upon. (PF on leave until Thursday 6 Sept)

5.3 KD was asked for information on her public report. SU offered to speak to staff and colleagues at EA.

5.4 MO’D spoke of the ECO report. All agreed that an explanation would be welcome, of where and what work was achieved using the Jet Washers, with further information from Harvey and Eddie.

5.5 People still wishing for the EA to take over the Pumping Stations! Is that possible?

5.6 IRF Debrief – this is for Reference purposes only!

5.7 Risk Management Services this is equal to Partner Contributions!

5.8 Action Plans- Actions from the FLAG groups will be dealt with at Item 10 – Hot Spot List Updates.

5.9 RH gave an informative insight into the Fire Rescue Service as part of their day/night job during the November 2017 floods. Everyone agreed it was another chance to learn from each other. JB to speak with RH after the meeting.

5.10 Discussions took place around the information that should be required/captured on the Action Plans; PB spoke of the Walkabout reports and the need to run those by Risk Management and he will also send over the Nigel Morris. Everyone agreed that we should all be looking and working on the same template/document and use the Preesall Walkabout as a Pilot. PB to speak with PL and bring this back to the next meeting.

6 UPDATE ON STUDIES, SCHEMES AND FUNDING INITIATIVES:

6.1 Royles Brook (LCC Joint Catchment Study)

Talks took place on where the current EA commissioned study is up to in linking the UU network, highway drainage system and main river and how this can be taken forward on a sub catchment scale actually linked to the outfall at Stanah. RC opened the discussion and it took place around Royles Brook and information that had been looked into, up to three years prior. The EA and UU were looking to merge their models of pumping and river movement around the Stanah area. Money sadly ran out before this work was completed and that included the East Coast of Fleetwood peninsular, this work hasn't been completed. Then the flooding from last November increased that need, as the flooding water didn't go where everyone wanted it to go! RC and CG are to get together to agree on what more can be done within that catchment area. Funding was set aside to use; Defra National??? (at this point folks, CAL was trying to get the IT facility to work!!). CG and RC to meet up with Partners to discuss and grant an aid study and configure that and a model exercise and a better understanding where???? And to build on what's been started. A preliminary meeting end of September! RC, AG, CG, Rob Wilson (LCC) Niky (UU), KD, PL, FC (EA) Jonathan Croft and PB (EA). CAL to book a room, RC to let CAL know when and an idea of how many people will be attending.

6.2 Sunnyside (LCC)

Actions were discussed around what had already been achieved there, but the reasons, conclusions and options taking this forward were required within an Action Plan. Everyone to work upon this.

MO'D spoke of the Ecological Survey and now that had been achieved, couldn't both Mark's now get on with and get the exploring to de-silt done? Talk of a Response Plan. RH spoke of storage of water on the field and the raising of kerbs, wasn't Nigel Morris looking into this? RH explained about Cockers Dyke and the pumping into the north, going to the outfall and pump out from there and with the possibility of a high

volume pump that would help out and even help to clear Out Rawcliffe with one of those. The run off was discussed and how to slow up the flow. JB confirmed that St Aidens school had already put in field drains and there were still the sand bags outside the houses! It was agreed that UU, LCC and Fire utilities should be at the meeting, proposed for the end of September.

6.3 Kirkland Bridge Churchtown (EA/WC)

The news from Roger Weatherell – Chairman of Churchtown FLAG was shared amongst the group and everyone shared in the joy that work had already started, after the Permit was issued on 20 August. **PB/NB to check if any subsistence charges apply and let RW know, as per his email request. PB also offered to check if the full funding is in place and PH and FC to let CAL know too.**

MC/MO'D informed the group that the very next day, Friday 31 August, exploratory work was commencing in two of the gullies on The Avenue, to trial sheet connectors and 150mm pipes, they are hoping to reform the carriageway there and that work was commencing on Monday 3 September, by jetting the whole of the system along that area, including 56 to 60 gullies! Excellent News! JB backed that up with the news of a Grand Opening! Watch this Space! **Also a “Draft” Pumping Plan = Flood Risk Summary Sheet! One of the high volume pumps to manage and look after. JB offered that CG (upon his return from leave) email KD (UU) and PW (UU) for UU’s approval on “Operation of our Asset” query.**

AG to send to PB and Rebecca Culshaw (EA)?? re: Churchtown ?

6.4 Springfield (EA)

NB spoke of the pumping station problems at Springfield and Stanah and the reluctance from the EA to take on the Cala Gran, Caravan Parks problems, but the EA have put contingencies in place.

6.5 Stanah (EA)

Stanah’s pumping station’s ownership is still with Wyre Council and awaiting upgrades to clear the screens? Apparently this has been discussed with Keith Ashcroft, Ann Swarbrick and Wyre Council’s Chief Exec Garry Payne.

6.6 Fleetwood Defences & Copse Brook (EA)

There’s been a walk over with Ian Cornes. SU to email details to CAL. EA/UU is looking to improve and also looking at funding and to construct????

6.7 Hambleton (EA)

At least 100 people attended the drop in at Hambleton and there is another one planned for the end of the year. **Ground two Phase investigations are ongoing and AG spoke of the problematic surface water issues, LCC are looking into those.**

7 SHARING OF INFORMATION PROTOCOLS AND GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR) 2018:

7.1 GDPR came into force on 25 May - this includes data held on individuals and specific properties and sharing of data with other agencies as part of the Flood Forum and Making Space for Water Group.

7.2 *It was agreed back at the last meeting, that future published minutes would not contain information that could identify any individual either by name or address and that only current issues would be shown. For means of operational necessity an unpublished list showing flooding issues would be maintained and shared with organisations in the Forum. It was proposed that data applying to specific affected or at risk properties would be kept for six years before deletion. It was further agreed that this matter be further discussed at the Flood Forum on 31 May. This was discussed at the Flood Forum meeting and agreed that if anybody specifically wished that their details be kept out of the group, that they would contact CAL direct. Nobody at this point has done so and it was agreed that the Flooding Privacy Notice will be handed out at the WFF meeting on 13 September, and also issued with the Agenda in an emailed format.*

8 WYRE FLOOD PUMP DEMONSTRATION – TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER – (WC)

8.1 The Demonstration will take place at the Yachting pond car park, Laidleys Walk, Fleetwood FY7 7JA with a meet and greet at 9.30am and the session will commence from 10am.

- Introduction to the event by Carl Green Wyre's Head of Engineering
- Introduction from Gary Scott Transport Manager.

9 RESILIENCE MEASURES: PREPARING FOR WINTER & WEATHER EVENT – WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2018

9.1 This is for customers to meet with multi agency partners, LCC, UU, EA, LFR, options for a table for Flood Liaison Action Groups, also a contractor promoting Flood Resilience Products. No agenda or presentations, just a table in one of Wyre Council's Committee rooms for LCC Highways/LLFA colleagues to take and answer any points raised from customers. Anybody interested to please let John know, by 5 September. So far we have Dan UU, Rob LCC and Paul EA.

10 HOT SPOT UPDATES:

10.1 The list for August is produced as Appendix A to these minutes.

10.2 **No New Cases to add**

11 KEY ISSUES FOR THE FLOOD FORUM

11.1 Discussions around Parish Councillors and Flood Forum Groups approaching Land owners.

11.2 Want to give a draft time table of S19 from November 2017 (RC)

11.3 LCC Gullies update

11.4 Dan Blacow, Keith Ashcroft and Danny Wilson – UU Presentation

11.5 Environment Agency presentation now moved from 13 Sept WFF to the December meeting.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Wyre Council

JB advised the group on:

Wyre Beach Management Scheme – FCERM7 approval for studies received, works commence 2020/21 estimated £24M protecting 11,000 properties. Planning Permission – Local Plan CG & RPs Norcross appears to be the biggest one.

Extract on Flood Policy (RPs Local Plans Approved).

“Another chance to learn about Weather” Alan Goodmans email and for people to book directly onto the course – Nobody had directly booked on the course, so to ask WFF Members if they signed up, for an update.

b) United Utilities

KD advised that UU were looking into possible flooding issues at Forton, where there’s a lot of development taking place. 70 properties alone on Hollins Lane. UU are putting forward a scheme for 2020/25 and KD to send this summary through to AG.

c) Environment Agency

PB introduced a report on the Preesall Walkover 30 May 2018, but required PL to read through for GDPR purposes and agree its content, before it being put to the Preesall FLAG members for their consideration.

PB offered to take up the St Michaels FLAG and Thornton FLAG questions and to have the answers for the next WFF meeting. PB also to speak with PF about Sharples Quarry Flood Risk Assessment.

d) LCC (Highways)

MO'D informed Members of the “Jetting Crew” that were now working full time and a “Digging Crew” there on hand, to help with any gully issues.

e) LCC (Lead Local Flood Authority)

With regards to the questions raised by Preesall FLAG members, via email. The questions were answered by RC and CAL to update the members of Preesall FLAG.

9. NEXT MEETING:

9.1 The next meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday 29 November 2018 - 10am at Wyre Civic Centre