

Making Space for Water

9 December 2013

Agenda

1. Flooding Event - 5 December

2. Flooding issues.

Poulton

- 97 Highcross Road - Mr Taylor (also potential cross connection)
- Normoss Road - piped watercourse in highway
- Southfield Drive
- 64 Moorland Road - highway flooding
- 35 Longhouse Lane - highway gulley
- 43 Ravenswood Ave, Normoss - overgrown watercourse.

Preesall

- Pinewood Ave
- Lancaster Road
- Sunnyside Terrace update
- Beechfield Ave

Stalmine

- Stricklands Lane (Ambleside)
- Porters Row

Hambleton

- Carr Lane, Kiln Lane, Sherbourne Ave - update
- Mr. Walmsley, Shard Lane

Thornton

- Northumberland Ave
- Tarn Road
- 85, 87 and 89 Fleetwood Road North
- New Road

Others

- Ainspool, Churchtown
- Sower Carr Lane, Hambleton
- White Brook watercourse, Great Eccleston
- Broadway pumping station, Fleetwood
- Jubilee Drive, Cleveleys

3. Pilling Flooding Meeting, 13 December

4. Next meeting.

Making Space for Water Technical Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 December 2013 at the Civic Centre.

Present:

Dan Blacow (DB)	United Utilities
Paul Blakeley (PB)	Lancashire County Council
Matthew Connor (MC)	Environment Agency
Paul Long (PL)	Wyre Council

1. Flooding event 5 December

Action

PL noted that the Borough had suffered severe weather around the dinner time high tide on 5 December which had resulted in flooding to roads and council infrastructure. It was not yet known whether any internal flooding had been suffered although indications were that few, if any, properties had been affected.

MC reported that nationally approximately 1,400 had been flooded; in Lancashire this had been limited to just 14. Areas affected included Penwortham, Lancaster Quay, Carnforth, Warton, Lytham, Crosby, Blackpool, Fleetwood (YMCA building) and Morecambe. While there had been a lot of highway flooding, flooding to properties had been limited.

Early indications are that the event was of the order of 1 in 20 years (5% in any one year)

2. Flooding Issues

Poulton

a) Highcross Road

LCC have been looking at a private piped watercourse following flooding complaint by a local resident. In addition UU have received complaints from residents of a smell in this area and a number of suspected cross connections (foul into surface water drainage system) have been identified from houses on Lowick Drive.

PB confirmed that their investigation positioned the piped watercourse within the private gardens of the residents of Lowick Drive. Further investigations are ongoing, including enquiries into details of any consent that may have been given for culverting of the watercourse.

b) Normoss Road (Dobson Road/Southfield Drive)

LCC have been looking at piped culvert under Normoss Road following flooding complaints from resident. PB / PL to check that work has been undertaken to clear watercourse to rear of Southfield Drive to allow free unobstructed flow.

PB / PL

c) Longhouse Lane

PB confirmed that LCC at looking at localised flooding to the driveway of 35 Longhouse Lane.

PB

Preesall

d) Pinewood Ave

PL confirmed that these works had been completed.

e) Sunnyside Terrace

PB still to

- visit landowner to field north of Sunnyside Terrace to clear watercourses PB
- contact St.Aidans School to discuss installing hydrobrake into playing fields surface water system to reduce impact on local surface water drainage system

MC confirmed that £100,000 has been granted from local levy funding for works at Sunnyside Terrace, Preesall. Final sign off by the EA is expected in January.

MC reiterated that the EA have no plans to carry out additional works to clear the P2 watercourse on Sandy Lane as there are no flood risks to properties.

Stalmine

f) Stricklands Lane

PB confirmed that investigation works had identified that the private piped watercourse in in poor condition. Initial excavation revealed asbestos on the site and works were halted. The resident has been informed that they are required to remove the asbestos and clear any blockage from the watercourse.

Hambleton

g) Carr Lane, Kiln Lane, Sherbourne Road

PL confirmed that he had been in discussion with developers for the proposed affordable housing on Carr Lane - all issues relating to surface water drainage have now been resolved.

MC confirmed that investigation works were currently in progress on Kiln Lane and Wardleys watercourses, Hambleton to look at siltation levels. Works are expected to be completed by the end of the year after which a decision will be made as to whether to undertake any desilting works if the watercourses are shown to be contributing to the flooding issues in Hambleton. MC

EA to look at the large tidal flap from Warleys watercourse; there are concerns that the flap requires regular maintenance to ensure that it operates as designed.

h) Shard Lane

MC noted that the watercourse to the east of Shard Lane has been designated by the EA as Priority 2 and that no works are planned to be undertaken here. EA / LCC to write to Mr Walmsley to inform him that no works are planned here and any remedial works are the responsibility of the riparian owners. PB / MC

Thornton

i) Northumberland Ave

PB confirmed that LCC have been undertaking investigative work to identify the causes of the flooding of 24 September 2012. The route of the main drainage has been traced to Heys Street, Thornton where it discharges into Royles Brook watercourse. MC asked that a copy of the route be made available; PL to supply map.

PL

It was noted that the private watercourse behind Milburn Ave was in very poor condition and in need of major clearing works.

j) Tarn Road

PL confirmed that this issue had yet to be investigated.

k) Fleetwood Road North

DB confirmed that this has been further investigated and there is little that UU can do to prevent flooding here as the main issue is the capacity of Royles Brook culvert preventing the local surface water system from draining.

MC confirmed that EA were undertaking works on Royles Brook watercourse to improve capacity. Works had already been completed on the first stage of these works, at White Carr Lane, Thornton. Further works are planned to clear the stretch from Thornton YMCA to Fleetwood Road, subject to funding being made available.

l) New Lane

PB confirmed that LCC have cleared a number of blockages on the watercourses around New Lane to improve local surface water drainage. The main sources of flooding appear to be overland from adjacent fields, and these need to be properly addressed. A draft report on the 2012 flooding issues is still expected from LCC and the conclusions of the report are to be reviewed once received. A meeting with local residents is to be held to discuss the report and its suggested actions.

Others

m) Ainspool, Churchtown

LCC investigation report to be further discussed with local residents and plan of action drawn up in response to recommendations in report.

n) White Brook watercourse, Great Ecclestone

LCC / EA are continuing to monitor bridge over watercourse which is poor condition.

o) Sower Carr Lane, Hambleton

LCC and UU investigating local drainage issues following complaint from Lilac Cottage re flooding. At this time it is suspected that a local culvert is in poor condition and requires remedial works. Investigations are ongoing.

p) Broadway pumping station, Fleetwood

UU are continuing to investigate contaminated discharges from pumping station; suspected cross-contamination of surface water system and contamination from nearby farms.

q) Jubilee Drive, Cleveleys

UU continuing to investigate occasional flooding on road behind Jubilee Gardens. Water is clean and appears when no recent rainfall.

3. Next Meeting

Thursday 6 March 2013