

Making Space for Water

4 December 2014

Agenda

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. MSfW personnel and contacts update**
- 3. Flooding issues.**

Poulton

- Highcross Road / Lowick Drive
- Normoss Road / Southfield Drive
- Longhouse Lane
- Ravenswood Ave.

Preesall

- Sunnyside Terrace

Stalmine

- Porters Row / Lynwood Drive

Hambleton

- Carr Lane, Kiln Lane, Sherbourne Ave.
- Shard Lane

Thornton

- Northumberland Ave.
- Tarn Road
- Fleetwood Road North
- New Lane
- River Road / Stanah Road

Others

- Ainspool, Churchtown
- Broadway pumping station, Fleetwood
- Coniston Ave, Knott End
- Garstang Road, Bilsborrow

- 4. Planning Applications - Drainage consultations**
- 5. Any other business**
- 6. Next meeting**

Thursday 5 March 2015

MAKING SPACE FOR WATER TECHNICAL GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4 December 2014 at the Civic Centre.

Present:

Paul Long (PL)	Wyre Council
Robert Webster (RW)	Lancashire County Council
Pippa Hodgkins (PH)	Environment Agency
Kevan Williams (KW)	United Utilities
Lee Acton (LA)	United Utilities

Apologies:

Dan Blacow (DB)	United Utilities
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Action

1. INTRODUCTIONS

PL welcomed all to the meeting

2. MSfW PERSONNEL AND CONTACTS UPDATE

Following a number of changes in personnel the following were confirmed as being representatives of their authority / company on the Group

Wyre Council	- Paul Long
Environment Agency	- Pippa Hodgkins
Lancashire County Council	- Robert Webster
United Utilities	- Dan Blacow and Lee Acton

3. FLOODING ISSUES

Poulton

Highcross Road / Lowick Drive

- RW confirmed that their plans to divert local highway drainage from the private piped watercourse on Highcross Road to the UU drain on the opposite side of the carriageway will be included in the 2015/16 financial year. This will result in the watercourse only carrying private surface water (and any cross connections from Lowick Ave).

Normoss Road/Southfield Drive

- RW confirmed that Wainhomes had still not undertaken works to clear the watercourse to the rear of Southfield Drive. LCC to chase up progress.

LCC

Longhouse Lane

- RW confirmed that the culvert by no. 35 had now been cleared - **RESOLVED**

Ravenswood Ave

- PH reported that maintenance works on this section of Horse Bridge watercourse are approximately 90% complete. She explained that works had been delayed due to problems with access.

EA

LA reported that there had been a further flooding event to 42 Ravenswood Ave during heavy rainfall in October.

Preesall

- Sunnyside Terrace

RW reported that works to desilt Green Lane watercourse (by the junction with Sandy Lane watercourse) have been undertaken; works to desilt Sandy Lane watercourse would be undertaken soon.

LCC

RW reported that a proposed design for the capital works has been drawn up; this will include the use of Beany blocks to drain the highway and a system of swales to drain to Green Lane watercourse. He confirmed that LCC have issued the design to the Environment Agency and made an application for the release of the finance for the works.

LCC to consult with residents on the improvement works.

LCC

Stalmine

- Porters Row

RW confirmed that LCC have agreed with the owner of the orchard behind Smithy Lane to carry out a CCTV survey of the full length of the pipe from Smithy Lane to Lynwood Drive to determine its condition and to prove the route.

LCC/UU

LA reported that during the heavy rainfall in October no issues had been reported with the properties on Porter's Row. It is considered that the recent works to clear the local drainage system has had a positive effect on the local drainage system - **WORKS COMPLETED**

Hambleton

- Carr Lane, Kiln Lane, Sherbourne Road

RW reported there has been no progress in reducing silt levels in Kiln Lane and Wardleys watercourses since the previous meeting in September.

RW confirmed that LCC would be installing a new road gully outside The Coppins, Carr Lane to help reduce the impact of highway runoff onto the property. It is intended that the gully will drain to the watercourse to the north of Queensland.

LCC

- Shard Lane

RW confirmed that he had received a positive response from the local farmer and that works to clean out Shard Lane East watercourse had begun and were approximately 50% complete. He added that he was awaiting a Memorandum of Understanding from the EA to allow enforcement letters to residents for works to be undertaken on main rivers.

Thornton

- Northumberland Ave

PH confirmed that maintenance works had begun on Burn Drain; these are expected to be completed in the next few weeks.

- Tarn Road

PL confirmed that this issue had yet to be investigated.

- **Fleetwood Road North**
KW reported that no further action was planned by UU for this site. PH added that work on desilting works Royles Brook was progressing.
- **New Lane**
A meeting with local residents, to discuss the proposed desilting works and improve capacity issues in the area, was Wyre Civic Centre 18 September. RW confirmed that LCC had now completed the works. - **WORKS COMPLETED**

PH added that the EA were planning to desilt the section of Hillylaid Pool by Amounderness Way in the New Year.
- **River Road / Stanah Road**
RW reported that plans to undertake improvements to the surface water system in this area were continuing; no start date had been finalised.

Others

- **Ainspool, Churchtown**
RW reported that LCC were continuing with plans to remove highway surface water from Ainspool Lane and continued to work with the EA to resolve the flooding issues in this area.
- **Broadway pumping station, Fleetwood**
KW reported that UU have contacted residents to remove misconnections on the surface water system. He noted that residents had been given additional time to complete the works but that these had now been removed. It was necessary for UU to confirm that the works had been completed and to confirm that these works have resolved the issue.
- **Coniston Ave, Knott End.**
LA reported that UU were continuing to look into this matter.
- **Garstang Road, Bilsborrow.**
LA confirmed that there had been no further progress on works to divert highway drains in the vicinity of the Roebuck public house to the watercourse to prevent flooding in the area.

NEW ISSUES

- **Pilling Lane, Preesall**
Reported that the watercourse behind Hawkshead Road has been blocked. This is a private watercourse; LCC to investigate and enforce removal of debris. LCC
- **Throstles Nest, Poulton**
KW reported that he received details of flooding to Throstles Nest. PL confirmed that Wyre were aware of this continuing issue. LCC have undertaken works to prevent highway drainage entering the site and the property is listed in Wyre Council's emergency plan under vulnerable people - **NO ACTION REQUIRED AT THIS STAGE**

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PL noted that there had been a significant increase in the number of planning applications that the Council has received and a large number of these required drainage consultation. He added that it was important that all members of the Group are aware of major developments and that a consistent message is sent out to ensure that developments are suitably drained. He proposed that these be discussed as part of the Group's discussion in future meetings. This was agreed by those present.

5. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19 February 2015