

Wyre Making Space for Water Meeting : Hambleton Sub-Group

Minutes of meeting held Tues 01 Dec 2020 via Microsoft Teams.

PRESENT: **Paul Long (PL)** Wyre Council (WC) – Chair

Christine Hamilton (CH) Environment Agency (EA)

Alistair Graham (AG) Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)

Mark O'Donnell (MD) Lancashire County Council (Highways)

Phil Wylie (PW) United Utilities (UU)

APOLOGIES: Tom Myerscough (TM) Wyre Rivers Trust

Graeme Kelly (GK) Environment Agency

1. INTRODUCTIONS: PL welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES: Apologies were noted as above.

3. AREAS OF CONCERNS – UPDATES:

PL noted that large areas of Hambleton suffered surface water flooding on 29 October and 1/2 November following heavy rainfall. Areas affected included Kiln Lane, Sherbourne Road, Carr Lane, Sandy Lane and Pauls Lane. While most of the flooding was restricted to the highway, there were some reports of internal flooding of residential properties.

a. Carr Lane

PL reported that highway outside The Coppins, Carr Lane was flooded again, despite recent works by LCC (Highways) to install additional drainage.

MD said that the new drain should work, provided that the water can get away once discharged to Kiln Lane watercourse. He reiterated his concern that the watercourse is in poor order. CH replied that the watercourse is in EA's maintenance programme but that works had been held up due to the poor weather conditions; GK is chasing this work.

Action: EA

It was also noted that there is a watercourse between The Coppins and Queensland that was culverted several years ago – if this could be reopened then it would have a positive effect on local drainage. It was agreed that an approach would be made to the owners of Queensland to discuss this option.

Action: ALL

PL noted that Kiln Lane watercourse (and Wardleys watercourse) discharge into Wardleys Creek; at high tide the tidal flap closes preventing the watercourses from discharging, even if there is capacity in the creek to take additional water.

CH confirmed that the new flood defence works planned by the EA for Hambleton would include a redesign of the culvert and attenuation which would help reduce the risk of flooding to the whole of the village.

Action: EA

b. Sherbourne Road / Kiln Lane

PL informed the group that he had inspected the watercourse to the north of Kiln Lane and found this to be poor condition with the majority of the culvert blocked with silt. The highway drains from Kiln Lane discharge to this watercourse and may be a contributory factor in flooding to Kiln Lane and Sherbourne Road.

PL noted that there were two culverts discharging into the watercourse – he wondered whether there was a discharge from Kiln Lane pumping station. PW noted that there is an existing discharge to Wardleys Creek and he was not aware of any additional discharge.

It was agreed that PL and MD would meet on site on 2 December and arrange for works to be discussed with the landowner.

Action: PL / MD

c. UU Sewers / Pumping Stations

PW informed the group that UU have modelled the foul drainage system on Carr Lane and concluded that the system is likely to surcharge on a 1 in 5 year storm.

He noted that a lot of surface water is also getting into the system and this is having a detrimental effect on the foul drainage system.

PW asked for a copy of the highway drainage from Wyre and LCC to determine whether any highway drains are discharging to the UU system.

PW also informed the group that UU are also planning to install flowmeters into the whole of the Fleetwood network to determine flows and better understand how their system works, particularly during prolonged rainfall events.

Action: WBC/LCC

d. Culverted Watercourse

PL reported that he inspected the private culverted watercourse from Broadpool Lane to Rydal Road. While there was some silt/debris in the culvert, it was generally in good condition. He confirmed that the section along Broadpool Lane to Market Street had not been inspected. It was agreed that PL/MD would take a look on 2 December and MD would consider whether a camera crew could check that this was clear.

Action: PL / MD

4. ISSUES AND ACTIONS UPDATE:

Actions will be updated in the Issues & Actions list submitted to the Flood Forum (meeting cancelled)