



Wyre Making Space for Water Meeting

Minutes of meeting held Thursday 27 February 2020
at Wyre Civic Centre.

PRESENT:

Paul Long (PL)	Wyre Council (WC) – Chair
Paul Bond (PB)	Environment Agency (EA)
Nicola Beale (NB)	Environment Agency
Graeme Kelly (GK)	Environment Agency
Christine Hamilton (CH)	Environment Agency
Alistair Graham (AG)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Mark O’Donnell (MD)	Lancashire County Council (Highways)
Katie Duffy (KD)	United Utilities (UU)
Phil Wylie (PW)	United Utilities
Dan Blacow (DB)	United Utilities
Tom Myerscough (TM)	Wyre Rivers Trust (WRT)

APOLOGIES:

Carl Green	Wyre Council
Sarah Ulyatt	Environment Agency

1. INTRODUCTIONS:

PL welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

2. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were noted as above.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting of 28 November 2019 were agreed.

Matters arising:

KD confirmed that officers from UU had visited a local resident in Hambleton to discuss sewer flooding issues on Kiln Lane and nearby roads.

KD informed the Group that UU have been undertaking investigations into the flooding in Hambleton and have installed a number of flow monitors in the drainage system to determine the flow rates to help pinpoint issues in the network.

4. FLOODING UPDATES:

PL noted that large areas of the borough had been affected by surface water flooding on Sunday 9 February and that there had been subsequent minor flooding since. To date Wyre Council have received reports of internal flooding to four commercial properties but none of flooding to residential properties.

PB reported that there had been an issue with the left flood gate on the Garstang flood basin. He added that stop logs were installed on 26 February to replace the damaged gate until permanent repairs can be made. He reiterated that the EA had not received any reports of flooding to residential properties during the recent storm events.

CH noted that the St.Michaels FLAG have noted a slip on the river embankment on Rawcliffe Road. She said that the slippage had been investigated and confirmed that the embankment was piled at this location and not in any danger of collapse. MD noted that there had been a collapse of a highway drain in this vicinity and this may be the cause of the slippage. LCC to look investigate.

Action: LCC

MD noted, that during the recent storm events, there had been water discharging onto the highway by Butlers Arms Farm via a new drainage pipe recently installed by LCC (Highways). The pipe has yet to have a non-return valve installed. MD confirmed that LCC would be installing a valve soon.

Action: LCC

KD noted that St.Michaels FLAG have raised concern about UU discharging foul water to the watercourse on Rawcliffe Road, opposite Catteralls Farm. She confirmed that officers from UU were planning to meet with representatives from the FLAG on 2 March to look into this matter.

Action: UU

MD noted that he has been in contact with the owners of Primrose Bank Farm, Norcross re local flooding and specifically the condition of the culverts on Norcross Lane and Bescot Way. He confirmed that work to clear the two culverts in planned for April 2020. He noted also that the house developer on the former DHS site on White Carr Lane is planning to install new kerbing along White Carr Lane to help define the carriageway and to help retain surface water within Royles Brook watercourse.

Action: LCC

MD noted that flooding of the highway on Fleetwood Road North and Springfield Drive, Thornton was noted during the recent storm events. He noted that works by NPL to clear the watercourse on Bourne Road were still outstanding and needed to be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

MD informed the group that a complaint about blocked/damaged highway drainage around the Roebuck at Bilsborrow had been investigated and identified as a blockage on private property. The blockage has been cleared and is working freely now.

CH raised a complaint about flooding on Moss Side Lane, Great Eccleston – this is a long standing complaint about the flooding of the highway from the main river watercourse. MD to investigate further and report back.

Action: LCC

5. ISSUES FROM FLOOD FORUM AND FLAGS

The following points were raised in addition to those covered by Issues and Actions

PB raised a number of issues from St. Michaels FLAG

- (i) Leak in Whites Bridge on the A586. Item added to Issues and Actions.
Action: LCC
- (ii) Tree blocking the outfall of the Humblescough watercourse by Tyrer Bridge. The EA report that they are aware and will arrange for it to be cleared.
Action: EA
- (iii) The wall and bank by Thompson's farm, Rawcliffe Road has dropped onto the road (see item 4, above). EA have investigated and report back that the bank is piled and not at risk. The back face of the wash out has been sandbagged as a temporary repair and the EA will be looking to repair as a priority.
Action: EA

PL raised an issue from Hambleton resident

- (i) Pegs Pool watercourse at junction of Green Meadow Lane and Marsh Lane is in need of maintenance – concerns that recent flooding on Marsh Lane is related to lack of maintenance. EA to respond directly to resident.
Action: EA

MD raised an issue from Stalmine resident

- (i) Flooding on Stricklands Lane, Stalmine at junction with Moss Side Lane. LCC are investigating.
Action: LCC

6. ISSUES AND ACTIONS UPDATE:

The updated Issues & Actions list is attached as Appendix 1

7. NEW ISSUES:

No other issues were raised.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

As the meeting had overrun, due to the additional issues raised by the recent storm conditions, it was decided that the Hambleton and Sunnyside Terrace sub-groups would be postponed to Wednesday 4 March.

Action: PL to arrange meetings for 4 March

9. NEXT MEETING:

28 May 2020, 10am start