

# Making Space for Water

13 March 2014

## Agenda

### 1. Introductions

### 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**

- Lancaster Road
- Sunnyside Terrace update

#### **Stalmine**

- Stricklands Lane (Ambleside)
- Porters Row

#### **Hambleton**

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

#### **Thornton**

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

#### **Others**

- Ainspool, Churchtown
- Sower Carr Lane, Hambleton
- Broadway pumping station, Fleetwood
- Jubilee Drive, Cleveleys
- River Road / Stanah Road, Thornton

### 3. Internal Drainage Boards

### 4. Next meeting

## Making Space for Water Technical Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13 March 2014 at the Civic Centre.

### Present:

Dan Blacow (DB)	United Utilities
Matthew Connor (MC)	Environment Agency
Paul Long (PL)	Wyre Council
Oliver Wood (OW)	Environment Agency

### Apologies:

Robert Webster (RW)	Lancashire County Council
Sudhakar Yallanki (SY)	Lancashire County Council

### Action

#### 1. Introductions

MC introduced Oliver Wood to the group; he will be working with the Environment Agency until June

#### 2. Flooding Issues

##### Poulton

- Highcross Road

LCC have completed their investigation of the piped watercourse. The pipe has been located within the private gardens of the residents of Lowick Drive. Any repair works are now the responsibility of residents - LCC to inform them of their riparian responsibilities

RW

- Normoss Road (Dobson Road/Southfield Drive)

LCC have written to the resident at 24 Southfield Drive about the unauthorised filling of the watercourse - no response to date; LCC to send second letter.

RW

Wainhomes have agreed to clear the watercourse to the rear of Southfield Drive as part of their development works.

DB confirmed that the sewer works on Southfield Drive have been postponed. The works are not now expected to go ahead until at least 2015.

- 64 Moorland Road

UU have cleared the non-return valve which has improved the system. LCC will continue to monitor the system.

RW

- 35 Longhouse Lane

RW confirmed that resident has cleared open watercourse but the culvert is still to be cleared. LCC to undertake inspection once works are completed.

RW

- **43 Ravenswood Ave**  
The length of watercourse may be part of Horsebridge Dyke, a P1 main river; MC confirmed that maintenance works are planned for Horsebridge Dyke this summer - will look to include this stretch as part of works. MC

### **Preesall**

- **Lancaster Road**  
MC confirmed that LCC have agreed to undertake desilting works of Sandy Lane watercourse later this year. RW
- **Sunnyside Terrace**  
PL noted that Green Lane watercourse was running low and no issues had been reported during the recent bad weather.  
  
LCC have undertaken a survey of the area ahead of the £100,000 funding being made available for improvement works. RW

### **Stalmine**

- **Stricklands Lane**  
RW confirmed that the pipe had now been cleared and is running well. He reiterated that the pipe is privately owned and that responsibility for this pipe remains with the householder.
- **Porters Row**  
UU have confirmed the route of the private surface water drain and that it is poor condition. A new manhole has been installed to give access for cleaning/renewal. Responsibility resides with riparian owner to undertake works. Further discussion required with owner to determine what works are needed. ALL

### **Hambleton**

- **Carr Lane, Kiln Lane, Sherbourne Road**  
MC reported on the investigation works to Kiln Lane and Wardleys watercourses. The silt levels recorded were similar to those recorded 20 years ago. Results to be discussed with LCC and recommendation on how to proceed to be agreed. MC / RW
- **Shard Lane**  
MC and Paul Blakeley (LCC) met with resident to discuss issues and responsibilities. EA consider watercourse to be low risk with little threat to residential properties. LCC to send letter to residents to enforce cleaning of watercourse. RW

### **Thornton**

- **Northumberland Ave**  
LCC undertaking enforcement action to get residents to clear the watercourse to the rear of Milburn Ave. RW
- **Tarn Road**  
PL confirmed that this issue had yet to be investigated. PL

- **Fleetwood Road North**  
DB reiterated that 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 carried out desilt works on Royles Brook adjacent to White Carr Lane in 2013. Money is programmed in to continue this desilt during the new financial year from Thornton YMCA through Marsh Mill and the old ICI site all the way through to the confluence with Hillylaid Pool. This may provide some benefit for the surface water flooding issues associated with Royles Brook. MC
- **New Lane**  
A draft report on the 2012 flooding issues is still awaited from LCC and the conclusions of the report are to be reviewed once received. RW

A meeting with local residents is to be held to discuss the report and its suggested actions.

### **Others**

- **Ainspool, Churchtown**  
MC confirmed that the EA had surveyed the embankment and were satisfied that it is fit for purpose. Other actions contained within the LCC investigation report are still outstanding but being considered.
- **Sower Carr Lane, Hambleton**  
RW reported that LCC are planning to install a non-return valve on the highway gully to prevent further surcharge from flooding the property. RW  
EA to undertake a CCTV survey of culvert in 2015. MC
- **Broadway pumping station, Fleetwood**  
DB confirmed that UU have undertaken flow monitoring in the area and confirmed some higher levels of contaminants in the surface water. UU are currently working with Wyre Council Environmental Health and undertaking a connectivity survey to determine non-approved cross connections. DB
- **Jubilee Drive, Cleveleys**  
UU continuing to investigate occasional flooding on road behind Jubilee Gardens. Source of flooding has still to be identified. DB
- **River Road / Stanah Road, Thornton**  
PL reported that a planning application for houses off River Road had been received. He noted that there is an ongoing issue with drainage in this area and wanted to bring this application to the attention of all agencies. RW noted that LCC are currently looking at improvement works, particularly to the junction of River Road/Stanah Road. RW

**3. Internal drainage Boards**

RW reported that several residents have raised an interest in reforming the internal drainage board for Pilling to undertake watercourse maintenance works not covered by the EA's cleaning regime.

RW to organise a meeting with residents to include the EA and Wyre Council. RW

**4. Next Meeting**

Thursday 12 June 2014