



# Wyre Making Space for Water Meeting

Thursday 29 November 2018

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  - Proposed Thursday 21 February 2019

## WYRE MAKING SPACE FOR WATER TECHNICAL GROUP

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 29 November 2018 at Wyre Civic Centre.**

### **Present:**

Paul Long (PL)	Wyre Council
Alistair Graham (AG)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Pippa Hodgkins (PH)	Environment Agency
Dan Blacow (DB)	United Utilities
Nigel Morris (NM)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)

### **Apologies:**

Carl Green	Wyre Council (WBC)
Rachel Crompton	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Mark O'Donnell	Lancashire County Council (Highways)
Paul Bond	Environment Agency
Sarah Ulyatt	Environment Agency
Nicola Beale	Environment Agency

### **ACTION:**

#### **1 INTRODUCTIONS:**

PL welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **2 APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were noted as above.

#### **3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes and Hot Spot list of the MSfW meeting of 30 August 2018 were agreed.

#### **Matters Arising:**

##### **3.1 Culverts:**

PL confirmed that Highways England have been cleaning all culverts under the A585 Amounderness Way as agreed – the culverts at the end of New Lane and Anchorsholme Lane have been cleared.

PL reported that work on identifying all culverts in the urban area and confirming who is responsible for maintenance is in progress. He added that those responsible for maintenance will be contacted to ensure that regular cleaning works are undertaken.

**PL**

### 3.2 Section 19 reports:

AG confirmed that work on producing the S19 report from November 2017 was still in progress and would be released soon.

PL reported that Wyre Council have been looking at individual locations and writing their own reports for areas that have suffered repeated flooding events. He confirmed that the report for School Road, Thornton was complete, the report for New Lane, Thornton was largely completed and the report for Sunnyside Terrace, Preesall was in progress. PL agreed to send copies of the reports to all agencies for their information.

PL

### 3.3 School Road watercourse:

PL reported that, despite repeated requests for Network Rail to clear out the watercourse to the rear of School Road, Thornton there had been no response. He asked that Lancashire County Council (as Lead Local Flood Authority) now take enforcement action against Network Rail to ensure that the works are undertaken at the earliest opportunity. PL to pass on contact details to AG

AG

PL asked DB to look into the option of blocking off (or putting in flap valve) the hole identified in the School Road report as a contributing factor to the recent flooding. DB replied that this may be possible and that he would look into this.

DB

### 3.4 Kiln Lane / Sherbourne Road, Hambleton:

DB reported that United Utilities has been looking at the possibility of installing a new manhole on the private watercourse running through Hambleton. He reported that the excavation on Rydal Road had encountered ground water at a shallow depth and had been unable to access the culvert. He said that there was a need to locate the outfall to Wardleys watercourse and would need to locate existing manholes on the culvert to jet or dye test the system.

PL / DB

### 3.5 Water pumps:

PL reported that Wyre Council have carried out a demonstration of two pumps that have been bought to help deal with surface water flooding. These were demonstrated to FLAGs, Councillors and flooding Agencies on 25 September. He added that draft flooding plans have been drawn up for Churchtown and Sunnyside Terrace, Preesall and that a demonstration of the plan at Churchtown was undertaken on 15 November.

## 4 HOT SPOT UPDATES:

4.1 The list for December is produced as Appendix A

### New Cases:

4.2 Property on Sandyforth Ave., Thornton added to list. This property has been reported earlier but missed from the list,

## **5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **Hambleton Defences:**

PL noted that the Environment Agency had held a drop-in event in Hambleton to inform local residents about their proposals to build new defences on the River Wyre. He added that he had received some feedback from residents not happy with the proposed works as they could affect the privacy of houses facing the river. The EA are looking to take on board any issues and will be holding a further drop-in event later in the year.

## **6 NEXT MEETING:**

7.1 The next meeting is scheduled for:

**Thursday 21 February 2019 - 10am at Wyre Civic Centre**