



Wyre Making Space for Water Meeting

Thursday 28 November 2019, 10am start

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of meeting 22 August 2019
4. Highways England drainage
5. Flooding 29 September 2019 updates
 - a. Summary
 - b. Affected areas
 - i. Thornton
 - ii. Cleveleys
 - iii. Fleetwood
 - iv. Poulton
 - v. Carleton
 - vi. Hambleton
 - vii. Preesall
 - viii. Pilling
 - ix. Churchtown
 - x. St Michaels
 - xi. Others
 - c. Response from flood authorities
 - d. Future actions/works
6. Sunnyside Terrace sub-group
7. Hambleton sub-group
8. Issues from Flood Forum and FLAGS
9. Issues and Actions
10. New Issues
11. Any other business
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Proposed 27 February 2020

WYRE MAKING SPACE FOR WATER TECHNICAL GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 November 2019 at Wyre Civic Centre.

Present:

Paul Long (PL)	Wyre Council - CHAIR
Paul Bond (PB)	Environment Agency (EA)
Nicola Beale (NB)	Environment Agency
Graeme Kelly (GK)	Environment Agency
Sarah Ulyatt (SU)	Environment Agency
Christine Hamilton (CH)	Environment Agency
Alistair Graham (AG)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Nigel Morris (NM)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Mark O'Donnell (MD)	Lancashire County Council (Highways)
Katie Duffy (KD)	United Utilities
Tom Myerscough (TM)	Wyre Rivers Trust
David Brown (DB)	Highways England

Apologies:

Carl Green	Wyre Council
Phil Wylie	United Utilities

ACTION:

1 INTRODUCTIONS:

PL welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. SU introduced CH to the Group; CH will be covering for SU for immediate future.

2 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were noted as above.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the MSfW meeting of 22 August 2019 were agreed.

Matters Arising:

- 3.1 Item 4.2 - PB noted that a report on local reservoirs was given at the September Flood Forum.
- 3.2 TM informed the Group that the Abbeystead Estate were planning to dredge the reservoirs on the estate.

- 3.3 Item 4.3 - PL confirmed that updates of Wyre Council Flooding Reports from 2017 had not yet been forwarded to the Group for information. This to be done before January Flood Forum. PL
- 3.4 Item 6.2(ii) - NB confirmed that she had met with representatives from Churchtown FLAG to discuss issue of sand lenses in the Ainspool embankment. She noted that the FLAG would need to bid for money if they wanted to undertake any works on the embankment.
- 3.5 TM stated that he was continuing to look at the possibility of rerouting the Ainspool watercourse back to its original route. TM
- 3.6 PL noted email from Churchtown FLAG concerning the condition of the bridge supports adjacent to Churchtown Treatment Works and the non-return valve on the Ainspool. PB confirmed that the EA had forwarded details onto UU. EA
- 3.7 Item 6.2(v) - PL confirmed that the watercourse on Anchorsholme Lane East had not yet been checked to confirm that maintenance works had been completed. PL

4 HIGHWAYS ENGLAND DRAINAGE

- 4.1 David Brown from Highways England (Area 13) addressed the meeting to provide information on works being done by the authority.
- 4.2 Concerns were raised about flooding on White Carr Lane, Sevenoaks Drive and Anchorsholme Lane, Thornton and the lack of maintenance of the culverted Royals Brook watercourse under the A585.
- DB confirmed that HE were currently drawing up plans to ensure that every culvert on its network would be cleared on an annual basis from April 2020. He agreed to forward details to the Group once confirmed. HE
- PL agreed to forward a list of culverts on A585 that needed to be addressed in any maintenance plans. PL
- 4.3 TM informed the Group that the main river on White Carr Lane has been re-meandered and an additional 1000m³ of storage has been created. Works have been undertaken in conjunction with the housing developer and United Utilities.
- 4.4 PB welcomed the HE proposals to change from reactive to planned maintenance adding that this was a positive step, and suggested that this news be shared with the Wyre Flood Forum

5 FLOODING 29 SEPTEMBER 2019 UPDATE

a) Summary

- 5.1 MD confirmed that following the flooding LCC (Highways) had responded to an increased number of complaints of blocked gullies in the Borough.
- He added that the highway drainage at the junction of Tarn Road and Skippool Road, Thornton had been replaced after reports of flooding revealed tree roots blocking the system.

5.2 PB noted that officers from the MSfW Group had attended walkovers with Councillors and FLAG members in Pilling, Preesall and Thornton to highlight areas of concern for possible investigation and maintenance works. The events had received positive feedback from all those involved.

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b) Affected Areas

5.3 Thornton:

i) Junction of Tarn Road and Skippool Road – flooding on highway due to broken and blocked highway drain – now repaired.

ii) Junction Fleetwood Road North and Bourne Road (including Springfield Drive) – flooding on highway. NPL undertaking works to clear watercourse on Bourne Road; LCC (Highways) cleared all gullies on Fleetwood Road North from Springfield Drive to Bourne Road.

PL noted that the watercourse downstream of the junction was in need of maintenance and was potentially restricting discharge to the river. Housing developer to be approached to arrange for works to be undertaken.

PL

iii) The EA have confirmed that the culvert on Hillylaid Road has been cleared.

iv) TM noted that there is evidence of grey water in Royles Brook watercourse near White Carr Lane, probably from an illegal cross connection. This is to be investigated to locate source.

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v) PL reported that Thornton FLAG had held two public consultations with local residents at Thornton Library. Both events had been well attended and had received good feedback from the public.

vi) Members of the Group met with residents, councillors and the FLAG on Friday 18 October to look at issues of concern.

5.4 Cleveleys:

i) Flooding in Cleveleys had been largely restricted to the highway north of south square. This area has a combined drainage system that discharges to the treatment works in Fleetwood. It was noted that this water dropped shortly after high water and no reports of internal flooding of properties have been received.

5.5 Fleetwood:

i) No flooding reports were received during the event. PL noted that maintenance works had been undertaken on Springfield pumping station following a report that, after the event, one of the pumps had an issue; this has now been resolved.

5.6 Poulton:

i) No flooding reports were received during the event.

5.7 Carleton:

i) Reports of flooding on Blackpool Road (near cemetery) - no actions reported.

- 5.8 Hambleton:
- i) A separate sub-group of the MSfW Group has been established to deal with issues relating specifically to Hambleton. This will report separately to the main Group.
- 5.9 Preesall:
- i) A separate sub-group of the MSfW Group has been established to deal with issues relating specifically to Sunnyside Terrace, Preesall. This will report separately to the main Group.
 - ii) Members of the Group met with residents, councillors and the FLAG on Tuesday 15 October to look at issues of concern.
- 5.10 Pilling:
- i) Members of the Group met with residents, councillors and the FLAG on Tuesday 15 October to look at issues of concern.
- 5.11 Churchtown:
- i) Flooding was reported on The Avenue, at the junction with the A6, but this dropped later in the afternoon. While flooding was feared at 1 The Avenue, this did not materialise.
 - ii) Flooding of the highway on Ainspool Lane – Wyre Council operatives attended from 8pm and a 2” pump was mobilised to pump water to Ainspool Watercourse. No reports of flooding to properties.
- 5.12 St.Michaels:
- i) No flooding reports were received during the event.
- 5.13 Other:
- i) None were discussed.
- 5.14 NB confirmed that the EA are working with local farmers about the clearing of watercourses to ensure that they are aware of their obligations to maintain.

6 SUNNYSIDE TERRACE SUB-GROUP

- 6.1 A sub-group of the MSfW Group has been set up to look at issues specifically relating to the flooding on Sunnyside Terrace, Preesall. This sub-group will report back to the Flood Forum.

7 HAMBLETON SUB-GROUP

- 7.1 A sub-group of the MSfW Group has been set up to look at issues specifically relating to the flooding in Hambleton, including Kiln Lane, Sherbourne Road and Carr Lane. The sub-group will report back to the Flood Forum.

8 ISSUES FROM FLOOD FORUM AND FLAGS

- 8.1 TM proposed that he gave a presentation to the Flood Forum in January about the recent works undertaken on Royles Brook by White Carr Lane, Thornton. The scheme has been put in place to reduce the risk of flooding along White Carr Lane and in the local vicinity.

TM

- 8.2 Responding to Item 6 in the Flood forum minutes, GK confirmed that the tidal flap at Wardleys Creek, Hambleton had been replaced recently.
- 8.3 With the emphasis of the meeting being related to the flooding on 29 September, discussion of the recent planning application for 35 properties on Carr End Lane, Stalmine was deferred.
- 8.4 Planning application on Meadow Ave., Preesall - PL confirmed that he was currently in discussion with the Developer regarding surface water discharge from the site, including the maintenance of the watercourses downstream. Once details have been agreed, they would be confirmed to the Flood Forum.

9 ISSUES AND ACTIONS

- 9.1 The updated Issues and Actions list is attached at Appendix 1.

10 NEW ISSUES

- 10.1 PL noted that new rules relating to the use of septic tanks would come into force from 1 January 2020 – it is likely that many septic tank users will be unaware of these changes and a press release may be required.

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11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- 11.1 No other business was discussed.

12 NEXT MEETING:

- 10.1 The next meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday 27 February 2020 - 10am at Wyre Civic Centre

Proposed dates for 2020

- Thursday 28 May
- Thursday 27 August
- Thursday 26 November