



Wyre Making Space for Water Meeting

Thursday 21 February 2019

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of meeting 29 November 2018
4. Flooding 22/23 November 2017 update
 - a. Section 19 Reports
 - b. Wyre Council Flooding Reports
5. Churchtown – construction of bund at Butlers Farm
6. Issues from Flood Forum
7. Hot Spots
8. Issues and Actions
 - a. Churchtown
 - b. Preesall
 - c. Michaels
 - d. Thornton
9. New Issues
10. Any Other Business
 - a. Wyre Council
 - b. United Utilities
 - c. Environment Agency
 - d. LCC Highway Authority
 - e. LCC (Lead Local Flood Authority)
11. Next meeting
Proposed 30 May 2019



WYRE MAKING SPACE FOR WATER TECHNICAL GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 February 2019 at Wyre Civic Centre.

Present:

Carl Green (CG)	Wyre Council (WBC)
Paul Long (PL)	Wyre Council
Paul Bond (PB)	Environment Agency (EA)
Sarah Ulyatt (SU)	Environment Agency
Nigel Morris (NM)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Mark O'Donnell (MO)	Lancashire County Council (Highways)
Mark Cook (MC)	Lancashire County Council (Highways)
Phil Wylie (PW)	United Utilities (UU)
Katie Duffy (KD)	United Utilities

Apologies:

Alistair Graham (AG)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Rachel Crompton	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Pippa Hodgkins	Environment Agency
Nicola Beale	Environment Agency
Dan Blacow	United Utilities

ACTION:

1 INTRODUCTIONS:

CG welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PW informed the Group that he would be replacing Dan Blacow in representing United Utilities in future meetings.

2 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were noted as above.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes and Hot Spot list of the MSfW meeting of 29 November 2018 were agreed.

Matters Arising:

3.1 Issues and Actions:

PB informed the group that the current Hot Spots list would be replaced with a new Issue and Actions list which would include issues raised during recent meetings with FLAGS. It has been agreed that PL will maintain the updated list on behalf of the MSfW group. The new list will combine all current issues list to simplify and clarify all flooding related issues.

4 FLOODING 22/23 NOVEMBER 2017 UPDATE

a) Section 19 Reports

4.1 NM confirmed that LCC are continuing to work on the S19 reports for the November 2017 flooding. He reported that the work has been handed to a new officer who would be working on producing the report full time. He added that the reports would be available soon.

LCC

4.2 KD reported that UU's report into the flooding has been completed. The report is to be published as part of Blackpool's S19 report.

b) Wyre Council Flooding Reports

4.3 PL reported that WBC are investigating each of the main areas affected by the flooding, separate to the LCC S19 report. 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. Additionally pumping plans have been drafted for Churchtown and Sunnyside Terrace, Preesall. Copies of the reports have been made available to all MSfW members.

4.4 School Road.

PW reported that the main sewer pipe has been inspected and found to be a third full of silt reducing the capacity of the pipe. Works to clear the site are planned.

UU

NM reported that he was unaware of the progress in serving notice on Network Rail to undertake the works to clear the watercourse to the west of School Road – he would ask AG to report back to the Wyre Flood Forum in March.

AG

KD asked that comments relating to Anchorsholme pumping station were removed from the report as they were not relevant to this location. This was agreed.

PL

4.5 New Lane.

PL reported that he had not yet been able to positively identify the cause of the flooding at this location. There are a number of factors which may have contributed to the flooding and these needed to be addressed separately.

CG asked if UU/EA could provide catchment area plans to see if discharges from the local estates could be attenuated to help reduce the risk of localised flooding.

UU / EA

4.6 MC reported that LCC Highways have replaced 80 gullies on the A586 at Churchtown. These gullies discharge highway drainage to the watercourse on the north side of the Avenue. As part of the works the watercourse has been cleaned out to improve flow.

He added that the flap valve to the main river Ainspool watercourse had yet to be checked to ensure that they operate correctly.

LCC

5 CHURCHTOWN – CONSTRUCTION OF BUND AT BUTLERS FARM

5.1 CG reported that the bund was now completed; all that remains to be completed is a brick wall forming the defence around Mill House.

5.2 PB confirmed that EA would need to change the Environmental Permit in order to pass responsibility for future maintenance from WBC to the riparian owners. He could recall whether this letter had been sent but would chase this up.

PB

6 ISSUES FROM FLOOD FORUM

6.1 Springfield Drive / Fleetwood Road North, Thornton

Thornton FLAG have enquired about the drainage around Springfield Drive and leading to the junction of Fleetwood Road North and Bourne Way. The FLAG have concerns about current flooding and the potential for future flooding from the proposed development site SA1/3 on Bourne Way.

PB confirmed that the EA undertake regular maintenance of Springfield watercourse, the last works being completed in January 2019.

UU agreed to look at the surface water discharge point to Springfield watercourse to ensure that it is working as designed.

UU

PL noted the culvert from the site SA1/3 would be added to the culvert list to ensure that it is regularly inspected and cleaned.

PL

6.2 Mayfield Ave, Thornton – this has been added to the new Issues and Actions list as 19/05

6.3 Flooding on Carr Lane, Hambleton – this has been added to the new Issues and Actions list as 19/06.

7 HOT SPOT UPDATES:

7.1 All existing Hot Spots have been amalgamated into the new Issues and Actions List to include issues from walkthroughs with FLAGS.

8 ISSUES AND ACTIONS

8.1 The new Issues and Actions list is attached at Appendix 1.

9 NEW ISSUES

9.1 No new issues were raised.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

10.1 PL advised all members that the electrical supply to Stanah pumping station is to be renewed on Monday 4 March. As a consequence of the works the pumping station will not be available for use. Electricity North West Ltd have been advised that in the case of an incident the works will need to be postponed if necessary. The works are expected to be completed within the working day; technicians from the EA maintenance contractor will be on site to monitor the works.

11 NEXT MEETING:

7.1 The next meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday 30 May 2019 - 10am at Wyre Civic Centre