

# Making Space for Water

12 June 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
- Mr.Walmsley, Shard Lane

**Thornton**

- Northumberland Ave / Redcar Ave (fence)
- 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
- Branksome Ave - field to rear of properties

3. **Next meeting.**

- 3 September 10am

## **Making Space for Water Technical Group**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12 June 2014 at the Civic Centre.

### **Present:**

Dan Blacow (DB)	United Utilities
Pippa Hodgkins (PH)	Environment Agency
Paul Long (PL)	Wyre Council
Robert Webster (RW)	Lancashire County Council
Paul Blakely (PB)	Lancashire County Council

**Apologies:** None

### **Action**

#### **1. Introductions**

PL welcomed PH to the Group, who would be taking over from Matthew Connor on behalf of the EA.

#### **2. Flooding Issues**

##### **Poulton**

##### **Highcross Road / Lowick Drive**

- RW confirmed that the waste in the piped watercourse did not appear to be sewerage but dirty water from washing machines or similar. It is thought that this originates from a number of building works undertaken to properties on Lowick Drive.
- RW confirmed that the responsibility for any rectification works would be passed back to riparian owners to resolve.
- DB agreed that UU would assist where possible by helping to locate cross-connection by dye testing.
- PB agreed to look at the possibility of LCC (as riparian owner on the field side) replacing the full length of pipe and bypassing the cross connections - it was considered that this would be considerably easier and cheaper than trying to deal with locating and removing cross connections.

##### **Normoss Road (Dobson Road/Southfield Drive)**

RW confirmed that Wainhomes have agreed to clear the watercourse to the rear of Southfield Drive as part of their development works and works were expected to begin soon. The resident at 24 Southfield Drive has agreed to remove the restriction on the watercourse; LCC to inspect once this has been undertaken.

##### **64 Moorland Road**

UU have cleared the non-return valve which has improved the system. LCC now considered that no further action is required - RESOLVED

- **35 Longhouse Lane**  
RW confirmed that owner has cleared the open watercourse. LCC have met the owner on site and are chasing him to clear the culvert.
- **43 Ravenswood Ave**  
LCC and local MP have met with resident. DB confirmed that the pipe under the property is private; however, UU have offered to undertake works at their expense to prevent flooding. The resident has rejected this offer.

PH confirmed that that maintenance works are planned for this stretch of Horsebridge Dyke in the next 6 weeks.

### **Preesall**

- **Lancaster Road**  
RW confirmed that EA have now consented for LCC to undertake desilting works of Sandy Lane watercourse later this year. RW
- **Sunnyside Terrace**  
LCC to consult with residents on the improvement works to be undertaken in response to the flooding events of 2012. £100k has been made available to improve flooding resilience in the area. PB

### **Stalmine**

- **Stricklands Lane**  
RW confirmed that the pipe has been cleared by the owner and no further action is required - RESOLVED.
- **Porters Row**  
RW confirmed that LCC had written to the owner of the orchard behind Smithy Lane to undertake works to reinstate the damaged piped watercourse. LCC awaiting response.
- LCC also to replace short section of 9" section of pipe under Lynwood Drive with 12" to help improve capacity.

### **Hambleton**

- **Carr Lane, Kiln Lane, Sherbourne Road**  
PH agreed that EA would take another look at silt levels on Kiln Lane and Wardleys watercourses. While it appears that silt levels recorded are similar to those recorded 20 years ago, there remains an issue that the main culvert cannot adequately discharge. PH

RW confirmed that LCC were planning on undertaking improvement works to the highway drainage system on Carr Lane to reduce the impact of flooding on The Coppins, Carr Lane. PL noted that a planning application had been received for a caravan site on Queensland and that he had asked that the piped watercourse on the boundary with the Coppins be reopened.

- **Shard Lane**  
RW confirmed that LCC have sent enforcement letters to residents and were awaiting responses.

### **Thornton**

- **Northumberland Ave**  
RW confirmed that the watercourse is part of Burn Drain and is classed as main river; EA had permissive powers to undertake works. PH confirmed that the watercourse is maintained twice yearly. PH to discuss with the maintenance team to ensure that works are being undertaken as per programme. PH
- **Tarn Road**  
PL confirmed that this issue had yet to be investigated. PL
- **Fleetwood Road North**
- PH confirmed that EA will be undertaking desilting works on Royles Brook this summer; these works will increase capacity on the watercourse and would help with flooding issues here. 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.
- **New Lane**  
RW confirmed that LCC are planning to undertake works on New Lane to improve capacity issues.

A meeting with local residents is to be held this summer to discuss the proposed works.

### **Others**

- **Ainspool, Churchtown**  
PB confirmed that LCC are planning to undertake works to attenuate highway drainage. The works are at a very early stage.
- **Sower Carr Lane, Hambleton**  
RW reported that LCC have installed a non-return valve on the highway gulley to prevent further surcharge from flooding the property  
- RESOLVED  
  
EA to undertake a CCTV survey of culvert in 2015/16.
- **Broadway pumping station, Fleetwood**  
DB confirmed that UU are continuing a connectivity survey to determine non-approved cross connections.
- **Jubilee Drive, Cleveleys**  
UU continuing to investigate occasional flooding on road behind Jubilee Gardens. Source of flooding has still to be identified. DB confirmed that there had not been any further reports of this flooding.

- **River Road / Stanah Road, Thornton**

RW reported that LCC are currently looking at improvement works to improve the surface water drainage in this area, including rerouting of the pipe culvert behind Stanah Villas.

- NEW - Branksome Ave, Thornton. PL noted the flooding to the open space behind Branksome Ave that had threatened several properties over the winter. Wyre Council are planning to undertake drainage works here to alleviate the flooding

- NEW - 62 Coniston Ave, Knott End - it was noted that the flap valve doesn't discharge due to it being lower than the current beach level. UU noted that there was also evidence of cross connections and they were looking into this. RW to forward details to EA.

EA

- NEW - Garstang Road, Bilsborrow. DB asked if the highway drains in the vicinity of the Roebuck public house could be diverted to the watercourse to prevent flooding in the area. LCC to investigate possibly.

**3. Next Meeting**

Thursday 3 September 2014