

# Making Space for Water

## 26 November 2015

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#### 2. Update on flooding issues.

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- 42 Ravenswood Ave, Normoss
  - Repair / Renew application update

##### Preesall

- Sunnyside Terrace
- Pilling Lane - watercourse by Hawkshead Road

##### Hambleton

- Shard Lane

##### Thornton

- Northumberland Ave.
- Fleetwood Road North
- Springfield Drive (Poolfoot Farm)
- Branksome Ave.

##### Others

- Ainspool, Churchtown
- Broadway pumping station, Fleetwood
- Coniston Ave, Knott End
- Garstang Road, Bilsborrow

#### 3. New Flooding Issues

#### 4. Planning Applications

#### 5. EA Maintenance Programme

#### 6. Any other business

#### 7. Next meeting

- Thursday 3 March 2016 - 10am, Civic Centre

## MAKING SPACE FOR WATER TECHNICAL GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26 November 2015 at Wyre Civic Centre.

### Present:

Carl Green (CG)	Wyre Council (WC)
Paul Long (PL)	Wyre Council
Paul Blakely (PB)	Lancashire County Council (LCC)
Scott Cowan (SC)	Lancashire County Council
Pippa Hodgkins (PH)	Environment Agency (EA)
Nicola Beale (NB)	Environment Agency
Kevan Williams (KW)	United Utilities (UU)
Dan Blacow (DB)	United Utilities

### Action

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

PL welcomed all to the meeting.

#### MSfW PERSONNEL AND CONTACTS UPDATE

NB introduced herself to the group; she would be representing the EA's Operations Team (maintenance and asset management) on the Group.

#### 2. UPDATE ON FLOODING ISSUES

The following flooding issues were discussed

##### 2.1 POULTON

#### Highcross Road / Lowick Drive

SC confirmed that LCC's plans to divert local highway drainage from the private piped watercourse on Highcross Road to the UU drain on the opposite side of the carriageway was still ongoing. Capital funding has been made available for this work to be undertaken in 2016/17 financial year.

- **ACTION PLANNED 2016/17** LCC

#### 42 Ravenswood Ave, Normoss

PL reported that grant funding has been made available under the Government's Repair and Renew Grant scheme to the owners of 42 Ravenswood Ave to alleviate flooding issues.

DB confirmed that UU had also undertaken works to this property to protect from overland flooding.

DB reported that he had spoken with the residents who confirmed the works undertaken by all parties had made a big improvement to the area and that no flooding had been experienced since the works had been undertaken.

- **NO FURTHER ACTION**

## Action

### 2.2 PREESALL

#### Sunnyside Terrace

SC confirmed that the works planned for the grassed area opposite Sunnyside Terrace have been delayed until the 2016/17 financial year. He added that finance for the scheme had still not be approved by the EA. PH noted that an application for funding had not yet been received from LCC - PB to chase up the application.

- **ACTION PLANNED 2016/17**

PB  
LCC

#### Pilling Lane

SC reported that a Land Registry search of the land to the rear of Hawkshead Road had returned that the land is unregistered. As such responsibility for maintenance of the watercourse has not been established. PB said that LCC would look at undertaking the works as part of the Council's Quick Wins Strategy.

PL noted that the watercourse was part of the Wilkinson Way development - he would look at the original application to see whether any owner could be identified.

- **INVESTIGATIONS ONGOING**

PL  
LCC/WC

### 2.3 HAMBLETON

#### Shard Lane

NB confirmed that no works had yet been undertaken on Pegs Pool watercourse. She confirmed that it has been agreed that a one-off desilt of the watercourse would be undertaken by the EA before the end of the financial year.

- **ACTION PLANNED 2015/16**

EA

### 2.4 THORNTON

#### Northumberland Ave

NB reported that she had visited the site and that there were no plans to carry out any immediate works. PL noted that the watercourse was very heavily overgrown and asked that NB revisit the site to include the stretch of watercourse behind Milburn Ave. NB agreed to revisit the site.

- **INVESTIGATIONS ONGOING**

EA

#### Fleetwood Road North

NB confirmed that the EA were planning to desilt the culvert from Marsh Mill to Woodland Ave during this financial year.

PH reported that Phases 1 & 2 of the desilt of Royles Brook have been completed; however, Phase 3 is too expensive and has been postponed.

A modelling study of Royles Brook and Hillylaid Pool watercourses is to be undertaken to determine how the catchment is managed and to identify any works to be undertaken.

Any future flooding incidents will be investigated by the MSfW Group but at this time there is no further action planned.

- **NO FURTHER ACTION**

**Springfield Drive (Poolfoot Farm)**

PL confirmed that the drainage works for the site have been completed and that the flooding issues reported on Springfield Ave should be resolved.

PL noted that LCC had received a complaint of flooding 21 Springfield Drive in the last couple of week; however, this property does not back onto the new football fields and the “flooding” was due to poor drainage and not related to the development.

LCC (as Lead Local Flood Authority) will continue to monitor any flooding incidents on Springfield Drive.

- **NO FURTHER ACTION**

**Branksome Ave**

SC confirmed that the site has been included in LCC’s capital budget for 2016/17 and that investigation works would be undertaken next year.

PL noted that it appeared that the original site drainage appeared to have been cut off some time ago and the watercourse piped as part of the local surface water drainage system. The drainage would be investigated as part of the LCC works.

- **ACTION PLANNED 2016/17** LCC

2.5 **OTHERS**

**Ainspool**

SC confirmed that LCC were looking to remove highway surface water from Ainspool Lane and are continuing to work with the EA to resolve the flooding issues in this area. He confirmed that the plans were being finalised.

- **ACTION PLANNED 2016/17** LCC

**Broadway pumping station, Fleetwood**

KW reported that testing of the local network had been completed and the combined sewer overflow has been capped to prevent any potential discharge to the surface water outfall. He noted that a number of misconnections had been identified; he was awaiting a report on the investigations and would discuss with the EA what, if any, actions were necessary.

- **INVESTIGATIONS ONGOING** UU

**Coniston Ave, Knott End**

DB noted that the surface water outfall onto the beach was buried by the beach and did not discharge as designed. It was agreed that a discussion with Natural England to agree procedures for clearing around beach outfalls was required. In the meantime no further action was required for this site.

- **NO FURTHER ACTION**

**Garstang Road, Bilsborrow.**

SC reported that this issue had been inspected further and there was no longer any requirement to divert the highway drainage. No further action is required.

- **NO FURTHER ACTION**

**3. NEW FLOODING ISSUES**

3.1 CG reported that a complaint had been received about surface water flooding on Burlingham Caravan Site, Garstang. SC confirmed that LCC have investigated the site and confirmed a number of blockages in the piped watercourse that runs through the site. LCC have agreed to clear these and a team was currently on the site working on this.

- **RESOLVED**

3.2 SC reported a flooding issue on Lancaster Road/High Street, Garstang. This was thought to be caused by blocked highway gullies - LCC Highways were clearing the gullies.

- **RESOLVED**

3.3 CG noted localised flooding of the highway and surrounding fields on Copp Lane, St.Michaels, during the recent heavy rainfall. He noted that on previous occasions the flooding had been caused by a blocked drain on the adjacent field. LCC will investigate whether this is a problem with the highway drainage.

- **INVESTIGATIONS ONGOING**

**LCC**

**4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**4.1 Hambleton**

It was noted that planning applications had been received for housing on Carr Lane and Sower Carr Lane in Hambleton with surface water discharging to local surface water drains. Concerns were raised that the areas were currently subject to flooding which could be exacerbated by increased development.

PL reported that he had looked at the developments and agreed discharge points and rates with the Developers to minimise the likelihood of any additional flooding.

**4.2 Hollins Lane, Forton**

PL raised concerns about the potential for flooding (both sewage and surface water) should the proposed development on Hollins be permitted in its current form. He said that he had recommended refusal to the Council's planners but added that the current recommendation was to accept, subject to conditions being imposed. He noted that both LCC and UU had not raised any objection to the scheme, and suggested that closer links were made for future developments to ensure that sites with the potential to flood were considered jointly.

CG proposed that a meeting was set up between the Council's Planning Team, Engineers and UU to ensure that all parties were aware of each other's requirements for future applications.

**CG**

**5. EA MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME**

5.1 NB presented a copy of the EA's 2015/16 Works Programme (attached as Appendix) detailing works undertaken to date or planned to march 2016. She noted that the works were more or less on programme.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**6.1 WYRE STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENTS (SFRA)**

CG informed the Group that he and PL were continuing to assess flood risks for each of the sites identified in the SFRA (Stage 2). The first half of the document has been completed and works are ongoing on the second half. He noted and thanked SC for his contribution to the document.

6.2 PB noted that following the publishing of budget constraints, LCC would only undertake those works required to meet their statutory functions to reduce costs. These would include responding to Planning Applications, flood investigation and reporting and involvement with the MSfW Group. He added that reduction in staffing levels would be made to meet reduced budgets.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 3 March 2016 - 10am at Wyre Civic Centre.