

## Wyre Making Space for Water Meeting

Minutes of meeting held Thursday 24 November 2022  
via Microsoft Teams.

### Present

Paul Long (PL)	Wyre Council (WC)
Lorah Cheyne (LC)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Brian Birkett (BB)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Mark O'Donnell (MO)	Lancashire County Council (Highways)
Graeme Kellott (GK)	Environment Agency
Pippa Hodgkins (PH)	Environment Agency
Mia Mullender (MM)	Environment Agency
Phil Wylie (PW)	United Utilities (UU)
Dan Blacow (DB)	United Utilities (UU)
Louise Ashworth (LA)	United Utilities (UU)
Tom Myerscough (TM)	Wyre Rivers Trust (WRT)

### Apologies

Carl Green (CG)	Wyre Council
Rachel Crompton	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

PL welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted as above.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 26 August 2022 were agreed.

### Matters arising:

#### Thornton:

- MM reported that a gauge boards has now been installed on Brookfield Road screen, and is visible on the monitoring camera. The gauges on the bridge adjacent to the Bay Horse and on the screen on Heys Street have yet to be installed.

#### **Action - GK**

- DB could not confirm whether UU have yet blocked off the hole in the main surface water drain adjacent to 104a School Road. DB to chase this with PW - It remains unclear whether or not the hole improves the flow of water to/from the watercourse behind the properties and blocking it has been considered as a possible improvement to the local drainage.

#### **Action - DB / PW**

- PL reported that he has yet to contact the riparian owners of the watercourse on Fleetwood Road South which is reported to be restricting the local surface water system from discharging due to a blockage in the watercourse behind New Lane. DB confirmed that UU had received a further complaint about the issue.

**Action - PL**

- Hillylaid Pool siltation removal:  
PL asked whether the EA had received a quotation for works to undertake desilting works on the section of Hillylaid watercourse from New Lane to Belverdere Road. GK confirmed that a quotation is still awaited; he reported that that he has a meeting with the contractor in the following week so will have an update to report to the Forum.
- GK also confirmed that the EA were aware of the reports of trees blocking Hillylaid Pool watercourse to the rear of the school on School Road; he added that the size of the trees meant that the EA team were unable to remove these, but the work had been passed to a contractor who would remove them. PL also reported that there was a report from Thornton FLAG of some metal fencing in the watercourse at the same location - a request has been sent to the EA that this be removed at the same time.

**Action - EA**

- Culverts under A585:  
PL confirmed that he had received no further update from National Highways, but he would chase this up before the Forum.

**Action - PL**

**Great Ecclestone:**

- BB confirmed that the flap valves on Moss Side Lane were due to be inspected this week by LCC (Highways) – a further update will be provided following the inspection.

**Action - MO / BB**

**Hambleton:**

- PL noted that there remain a couple of issues yet to be addressed on Carr Lane. He noted that further flooding to the highway on Carr Lane close to Queensland has been reported and an inspection of the highway drainage in this area is required.

**Action - LCC (Highways)**

- PL asked whether there were any updates re clearing of the watercourse on Marsh Lane, Hambleton. GK replied that the EA have not undertaken any works on this section and the watercourse remains the responsibility of the landowner. PL noted that the highway drains to this watercourse were partially blocked and would benefit from cleaning. UPDATE: Hambleton FLAG have now reported that the works have been undertaken – the EA have confirmed that this was not their doing and it is assumed that the landowner has undertaken the works.

**Action - LCC (Highways)**

- GK reported that the EA are still planning to apply for planning consent for the Hambleton flood risk management scheme in early 2023. PH confirmed that a local consultation would take place in early 2023 but that there is no firm date for this yet.
- PW confirmed that there had been little change to the number of flow meters fitted in Hambleton.

### **Garstang:**

- While the flooding issue on High Street had been cleared, it has since reoccurred and requires further investigation. LCC are planning to attend to undertake further works on 28 November and to check for any blockages / collapse downstream. MO to report back to the Flood Forum on any findings.

**Action - MO**

- GK reported the barrage gate on the east side of the river had still not be repaired. He added that an additional stop boards has been installed on the upstream side to raise the height of the temporary barrage - repair works would be installed in the spring. GK is keeping residents and the FLAG fully informed.

### **Fleetwood:**

- PL reported that he and CG met with representatives from Haven on 5 September to discuss the future ownership and maintenance of Springfield pumping station on the Cala Gran caravan site – while Haven are happy to take over the responsibility, details on any handover have yet to be agreed.

**Action - WBC / EA**

- GK confirmed that the door on the outfall from Copse Brook to Fleetwood Quay has been replaced. He noted that the headwall is in poor condition but has been patched.

### **St.Michaels:**

- BB reported that there is no update on the Section 19 report for this area to identify issues that need to be addressed. BB to provide an update at the Flood Forum

**Action - BB**

- PL asked whether LCC (FRM) had any update on the fence built over the watercourse on Wyreside Farm caravan site (as noted on the walkthrough of 27 September).BB confirmed that he has looked into this matter – it has been decided that the fencing is unconsented works and owners have been informed. The Council has written to the owner of the caravan site and confirmed that, as there are no reported flooding incidents at this location, LCC FRM) will not be investigating this further and referred the owner to the Agricultural Land Tribunal for dispute between landowners.
- MO confirmed that LCC would be undertaking a further investigation of the drainage system around Allotment Lane to determine where the local watercourses ran to and where they discharged. He noted that he would report back to the Forum on the findings. PL noted that a plan of the known/suspected drainage is to be drawn up to clarify how the local drainage system runs.

### **Poulton-le-Fylde:**

- PL reported that he had not received any further response from Wain Homes re the run-off from land adjacent to Sefton Ave. PL to pursue this further and report back to the Forum

**Action - PL**

### **Preesall:**

- Sunnyside Terrace:
- PL reported that he and TM had met with the owner on which the proposed attenuation lakes are proposed to be sited and they had refused consent. PL has

since spoken with the owner's builder who has agreed to look into the proposals again. In the absence of consent TM is looking to relocate the ponds on land further to the north. PL confirmed that the FLAG has been advised of the refusal to allow the works.

**Action - PL / TM**

### **Churchtown:**

- PL reported that he had MO would be undertaking further investigations into the route and condition of the surface water drainage in Churchtown – works as planned for 28 November.
- PL also reported that the FLAG are still trying to resolve flooding issues on Ainspool Lane by temporary storing floodwater in Green Wood. While the volume stored would not cause any significant change to the existing flood levels in the Wood they would have a significant effect on Ainspool Lane. At this time, the owner of the Wood had refused consent to store additional volumes in the Wood – PL confirmed that he would contact the landowner and explain the proposals to them.

**Action - PL**

## **4. UPDATES FROM MEMBERS**

### **i) Wyre Council**

- PL confirmed that he had met with St.Michaels, Churchtown, and Preesall FLAGs and had received reports from Hambleton and Great Eccleston.
- Some FLAGs have provided information by email (see Section 5 below) – in lieu of any updates from the FLAGs, the Issues & Actions log lists all current issues. (see Appendix A).
- PL passed on the thanks of Preesall FLAG to MO for his work on clearing the gullies on Sandy Lane.
- Thornton FLAG have produced a large number of queries, most of which were to be addressed by the EA – responses are included in section 5
- PL reported that he has received a report from National Grid that they has checked their surface water system and cleared a couple of blockages. In addition, they have confirmed the route of the culverted watercourse. This means that the surface water drainage system from Cathrow Way to River Road has now been checked and cleared.
- PL reported that he had received a complaint about water flowing off a field on Norcross Lane and collecting across the full width of the road at the junction with the roundabout. PL to contact the landowner to put in measures to prevent further run-off.

**Action - PL**

### **ii) Environment Agency**

- GK confirmed that the routine maintenance on the main river watercourses, including Hillylaid Pool, Royles Brook and Wardleys, has now been completed.
- All other issues have been included elsewhere in the meeting.

**iii) LCC Highway Authority**

MO gave an update of works that are planned by LCC;

- High Street, Garstang – works are planned for week beginning 28 November to check and clear pipework.
- A588 outside Queensland, Hambleton – flooding to highway; it is suspected that this is an issue with the internal drainage on Queensland which takes surface water from the highway. LCC will clear this afternoon.
- Bull Park Lane, Hambleton – flooding to highway at junction with Grange Road to be investigated.
- The valves on Moss Side Lane, Great Eccleston have been recently inspected; MO is awaiting a report of what was found and will report back to the Group.
- PL reported that some gullies on Kiln Lane, from the Shovels car park to Sherbourne Road required cleaning.
- PL informed the Group that he and MO have been investigating flooding issues on Wheel Lane, Pilling, but had not noted any obvious issues. Other than the low gradient of the watercourse resulting in a slow flow, there are no reasons why the property is suffering flooding and no further actions that we can take to help the residents.
- MO reported that the proposals to allow residents to undertake road closures in Preesall is progressing; he has been in contact with contractors to provide signage and gates.
- Churchtown – survey works / gully cleaning programmed for 28 November
- Station Rd, Thornton – works programmed
- Poulton Rd, Fleetwood – works programmed

**iv) LCC (Lead Local Flood Authority)**

- BB confirmed that the CCTV investigation around Broad Oak Ave. in Garstang has now been completed. He reported that there is no obvious problem with the drainage. He noted that there is a surface water pumping station on Fairfax Close that discharges towards Broad Oak Ave – he wondered whether this was causing a problem during heavy flows and asked UU whether they had any records of when this station was operating, to help them identify the flooding mechanism.  
  
A joint inspection with MO is to be undertaken to look at the watercourse on Greenacres Drive to check whether this is a contributing factor to the flooding.
- BB reported that LCC have undertaken an inspection of the flap valves on Moss Side Lane, Great Eccleston and a report on the findings was planned for later this week. However, he noted that LCC has received an insurance claim following the recent flooding and he did not consider a public forum the right place to further discuss this issue at this time.
- BB confirmed that he had not received any correspondence from the land owner behind Sefton Ave., Poulton – a further attempt would be made to contact the landowner to request that works be done to prevent run-off from the land into the rear of neighbouring properties. He noted, however, that LCC did not intend to take enforcement action on this site as the drainage here is natural and does not include any watercourses.

- BB reported that he has continued to investigate the surface water drainage in Preesall, around Rosslyn Ave.; currently works are focussing on the two main outfalls to Wheelfoot watercourse. He confirmed that the main outfall to Wheelfoot is blocked, both in the watercourse and in the culvert, and LCC will be writing to the landowners to undertake works to clear the blockages.

He further confirmed that the watercourse from Millstone did not flow in the direction in the direction as thought and would need further investigation.

Once the outfalls are confirmed working correctly, it is LCC's intention to work back upstream towards Pilling Lane.

- BB confirmed that Network Rail have completed the maintenance of the watercourse behind School Road, Thornton. He added that he remained concerned about a small section of culverted watercourse about half way along the watercourse, and reported that Network Rail are considering daylighting the culvert, especially if the line is ever reopened.

He noted that there was evidence of residential fly tipping into the watercourse.

- BB reported that he and MO had spoken with representatives from LCC that look after school maintenance. There are a couple of issues with the drainage system close to the junction on Tennyson Ave and Wordsworth Ave that require further investigation. Drainage to the east side of Tennyson Ave appears to have a dysfunction – MO to undertake an investigation under the highway at the junction with Wordsworth Ave.

**Action - LCC (Highways)**

BB also noted that there is a further issue on Marsh Road that requires further investigation, but may be related to the issue at the junction with Wordsworth Ave.

The drainage adjacent to the properties to the west of the school was not flowing fully – BB has sent letters to the landowners but had not received a response.

PW suggested that he and BB meet to discuss the drainage at the junction of Wordsworth Ave and Marsh Road.

**Action - UU / LCC**

**v) United Utilities**

- PW confirmed that there no outstanding issues to report.
- PL asked DB whether the odour problem at Champagne Ave had been resolved. DB confirmed that UU had installed monitors in the surface water system which confirmed an issue thought to be coming back from the combined sewer on Warren Drive. Additional monitors have been installed to get more data to confirm whether or not the odour is originating from the sewer.

**vi) Wyre Rivers Trust**

- King George's playing fields, Thornton:  
TM reported that he made an application to the EA in April for an environmental permit for the works, but is still awaiting a response. PH confirmed that she is in the process of writing a permit and this will hopefully be available next week.

TM confirmed that the works would now be undertaken in July 2023.

## 5. **ISSUES FROM FLOOD FORUM AND FLAGS**

PL noted that the Issues and Action log has been updated to reflect recent works and additional requests for actions. (A further updated copy – 25 November – is attached as Appendix A)

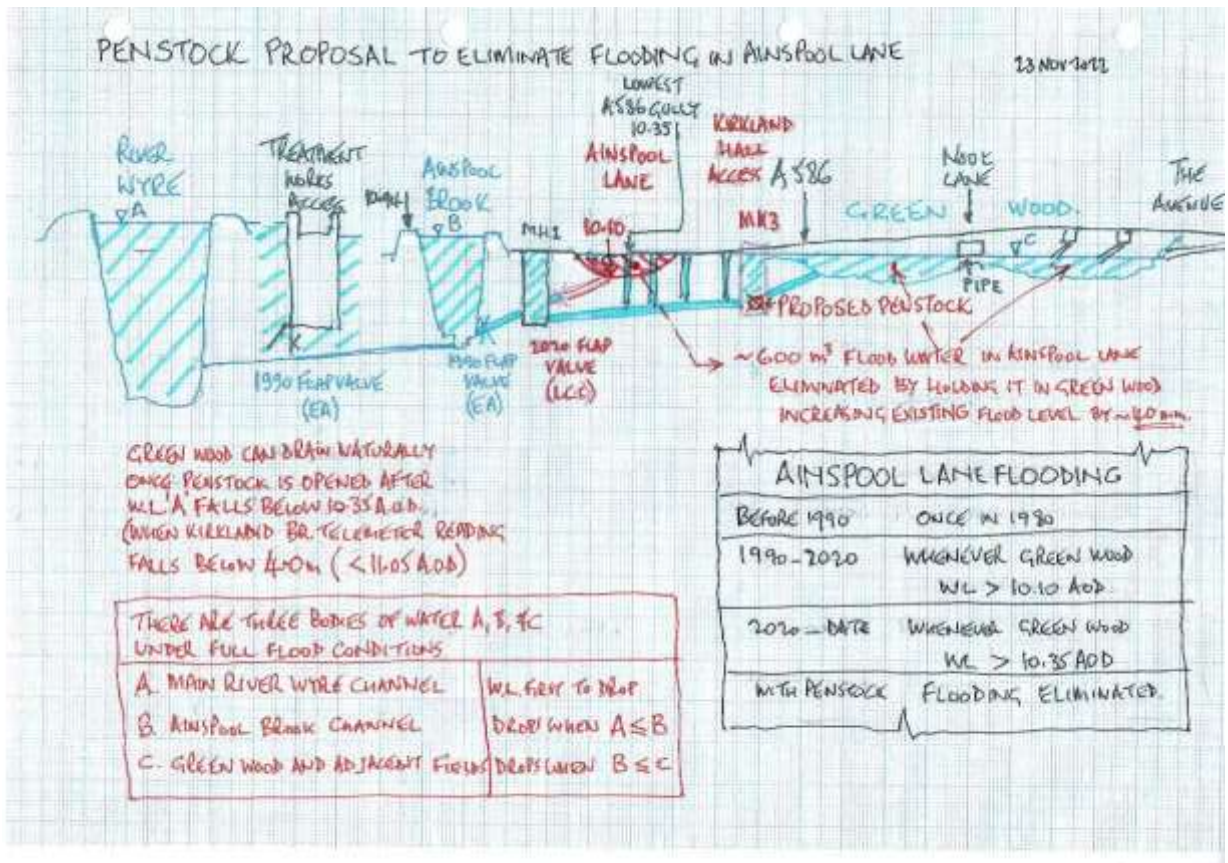
### **Churchtown FLAG**

- PL met with the FLAG via Teams on 22 November.

### **Report from FLAG**

1. The Avenue bungalows and end houses had flood water up to doorways again on Thurs 3 November 22. The Head Flood Warden reported this to LCC and on Tues 8 Nov a gully sucker cleared all the gullies on the A586 between Ainspool Bridge and the A6, but not the blocked gullies on the A6 itself nor any in the village that have been reported by the CFLAG on the LCC system. On Fri 11 Nov 22, the bungalows were flooded once again up to the doorways indicating that the pipe(s) draining the Avenue must be blocked.
2. The investigation of blocked pipes and pipe routes from the Avenue, the A6 and Smithy Lane still awaited after the first attempt in bad weather on 8 Dec 2021. This is now scheduled for Mon 28 Nov 22 dependant on weather conditions.
3. The CFLAG at its October meeting felt strongly that the situation concerning the solution of the Ainspool Lane flooding as proposed by the CFLAG has reached an unacceptable position. The problem is a consequence of the otherwise sound flood defence scheme that includes the Garstang and Catterall Barrages and miles of flood protection embankments. This was executed by the EA predecessors in the 1980-90 period. The consequential cause of Ainspool Lane flooding has only now been established by the CFLAG.
4. The situation has been slightly improved by LCC after the installation in 2020 of the flap valve in the manhole close to Ainspool Bridge and the new pipe connection in Ainspool Lane from gully to manhole, now delaying flooding Ainspool Lane unless or until the water level in the Green Wood exceeds 10.35 AOD.
5. In view of the anxiety that this frequent flooding has caused residents over the years and continuing today, the CFLAG believes that its proposal should be implemented despite the objection from the landowner of the Green Wood, provided that (a) the penstock is operated only in the extreme cases (two or three times a year) where the natural water level in the Green Wood approaches 10.35 AOD and that (b) adjacent properties are monitored for any risk of flooding so that the penstock can be re-opened (need highly unlikely).
6. As well as eliminating the flooding of Ainspool Lane, the costs to bring in WBC and Fire and Rescue big pumps will be eliminated.
7. The objection was a flat no without any substantiation and understandably, the feeling in the CFLAG is that the matter cannot rest there. The additional 40mm increase in flood level over the existing flood water in Green Wood does not justify the continuing anxiety of the residents of Ainspool Lane, or the cost to WBC and the Fire and Rescue service for pumping.

8. The attached diagram sets out more clearly the parameters of the Penstock proposal.



9. To obtain a better estimate of the volume of Ainspool Lane flood water and the incremental increase in level in the existing water storage basin, it would be very useful if the CFLAG could be provided with the LIDAR 10m grid of levels over the area of the Avenue, Green Wood and surrounds and the A586 up to Ainspool Bridge. It would also be useful at the same time to have the LIDAR grid of the field between the houses and the left bank of Ainspool Brook for the study of the intermittent flooding there which is has a different cause.

- The FLAG confirmed that the proposed works to install a penstock downstream of Green Wood are on hold following the refusal of the wood owner to allow storage of floodwater on his land; as such the scheme is being re-evaluated. PL to write to landowner to detail proposals.

**Action - PL**

- Works to check the outfalls adjacent to the Memorial Hall are still outstanding and check surface water layout around the junction of A6 and The Avenue is planned for Monday 28 November.

**Action - LCC (Highways) / WBC**

**Cleveleys FLAG**

- No meeting held ahead of the MSfW meeting – No report received.

**Garstang FLAG**

- No meeting held ahead of the MSfW meeting



## **Great Ecclestone FLAG**

- No meeting held ahead of the MSfW meeting.

### Report from FLAG

1. There is little to report this month. The puddling is still forming in heavy rain at the bottom of Raikes Road but it clears very quickly. This problem seems to have gone away a lot since the drains were cleared out. Although we have not had the rain as we have had in the past at this time of year. The flooding on the cycle track on the main road has also vanished, it has helped that the drains were cleared of grass down the roadside.
2. St Mary's Road at the junction with Pennine Way). This continues to puddle in heavy rain and even though most of it eventually clears there is still a residue by the drain which will not be helped in icy conditions. I think the drain may be blocked or in the wrong place.
3. Copp Lane – the new development has started and so have the issues. The road is flooding badly again but as with other roads in the area it is clearing quickly probably due to the water table being lower. As you can see from the images below there is a bit of water on the road.



## **Hambleton & Stalmine FLAGS**

- No meeting held ahead of the MSfW meeting
- The FLAGS had raised a number of queries by email.

### Hambleton:

1. Continued flooding at the junction of Kiln Lane / Sherbourne.
2. Have the flow meters now been 100% installed? And if so, has there been any results and has it highlighted any issues?
3. A concern was raised re the apparent lack of prioritisation of areas where houses have a high risk of flooding.

4. During recent floods tankers were seen travelling up and down the lane. What were these doing? It is suspected that they were pumping something to somewhere to alleviate the impact. Could we be informed in future as it may help us to get word around the village and for people to understand that someone is trying to help at the worst times?
5. Pedder Lane is now flooding badly, I know issue has been raised with LCC by at least 2 people. The LCC site says that there is no drain but there is. I know one fault has been raised on the drain across the road although this isn't the problem but was nearest.
6. Carr Lane Coppins/Birkrigg - Apparently pipe investigation work by LCC was not completed due to a blockage or blockages, has this now been completed?  
On the North side of the road could water be redirected to pipe rather than the road?
7. Carr Lane (Newsagent) - I am getting reports that the pavements in this area are getting flooded badly during heavy rain making it impossible for pedestrians, can this be investigated please and added to the issues log.
8. Drain at Rydal/Coniston - There is still flooding at bottom of Pauls Lane. The drain at back of Rydal is covered up in the brook. Is there any further update?
9. Sower Carr Lane - This was on Facebook a couple of days ago, appears to be a new issue as far as severity is concerned.
10. Bull Park Lane/Pegs Pool - Apparently, the gully under the road was cleared but now area flooding severely. Who is responsible?
11. Marsh Lane - Success the dyke/brook/river has been cleared. UU were there today but their drain is clear, they have had a look at the ones within LCC responsibility and they are partially blocked and all need the gullies clearing and then flushing through.  
  
There are 4 pipes into the dyke one is flowing well (UU), 2 are trickling and one is blocked. I've raised the surrounding drains on the LCC Report It tool refs W732118, W732120, W732116, W732124, and W732122.
12. River Defence Scheme - Any update, last was Planning App due Spring 2023, any chance of an early view to try and head off any issues. EA were looking at a further event in the Village Hall, any update?

Stalmine:

13. I understand that this was discussed at Preesall FLAG but river is silting up badly with the building up of sand banks. Ferry is getting more restricted in hours it can run, as the Knott End Slipway is being covered with silt. Is there a risk that the outflows may become blocked if this continues?
14. There have been rumours about the stability of Shard Bridge due to the above issue and the changing of the river path, are any of your contacts able to confirm or deny the rumours?
15. The House on the bend opposite Moss Side Lane is very wet at the bottom. Any thoughts?
16. The new building site by the Care Home has water pouring from it, serious concern as this is making road muddy and increases the risk of blocked drains as the sand/silt gets carried down.

17. When the new Wain Homes site was built a drain was added that sorted the issue of flooding, the flooding has returned and therefore some further remedial work is required.

#### **Out Rawcliffe FLAG:**

- No meeting held ahead of the MSfW meeting – No report received

#### **Preesall FLAG:**

PL met with FLAG on 21 November

- Blocked gullies were reported at the junction of Park Lane and Lancaster Road with considerable standing water noted on the highway, on Pilling Lane (adjacent to Wilkinson Way) and on Park Lane (close to the windmill). MO is aware of these and will have his team investigate and clear as necessary,
- A query was raised about recent UU works on Coniston Avenue to repair a suspected collapsed sewer. The FLAG asked that UU provide an update on what works, if any, have been undertaken. DB noted that there was an issue with a drain at the junction of Coniston Ave and Rydal Grove and suspected that this was the work being reported/

#### **Pilling FLAG**

- No meeting held ahead of the MSfW meeting – No report received

PL met with representatives from the FLAG on 27 October to look at flooding issues reported on the new housing development at St. Williams Gate, Garstang Road – actions were agreed with the site agent; a further visit is to be undertaken later this year, prior to the developer leaving site.

#### **St Michaels FLAG**

- PL reported that he had met with FLAG on 7 September and 2 November to discuss flooding issues. Additionally, a walk-through of flooding issues had been undertaken with the FLAG and a representative of LCC (Highways) on 26 November to look at flooding issues in the village.
- Issues to be considered include
  - clearing of tidal flap upstream of bridge and associated drainage from Foxes cottages
  - checking of watercourse network around Allotment Lane
  - drainage from planned new development off Garstang Road
  - flooding to highway and to residential properties at junction of A586 Garstang Road with Rawcliffe Road

#### **Thornton FLAG**

The FLAG had raised a number of queries in advance of the meeting and these were addressed at the meeting.

1. Has Graham received any quotations regarding desilting work in Hillylaid Pool in the School Road area? He said he had requested quotations but was waiting for replies.

2. Could we raise again the need for a regular rolling program of desilting incorporating all the dykes in Thornton? As we do our walkabouts we are now seeing build ups of silt in all the main dykes and targeting isolated small areas isn't very effective. We believe the only way to increase storage capacity in the Thornton area is either to widen the dykes where possible or to remove the large layer of silt lying at the bottom of the dykes. Widening still leave the culverts as pinch points. We are aware of the financial constraints the agencies are under but a small team working continuously through the systems would over two or three years achieve great results. This would not complete the task but at least residents could see that improvements are being made even though it would be painfully slow.
3. Looking at the flooding in the School Road area in 2017 nothing has been done locally to improve the situation and if we got the same rainfall over two or three days we would be back to square one. We appreciate that the road drains and surface water sewers in the area have been checked and cleared but the water still flows into Hillylaid Pool and there have been no improvements to the dyke. If anything the silt layer in this area is deeper than it was in 2017 with much of the silt coming from the Wainhomes development on Lambs Road.
4. I believe that Graham of the EA was proposing doing a silt survey in all the dykes in Thornton. Is there any news on when this will be scheduled to start?
5. At our last meeting we requested a site visit to see Mrs Timmons at No 40 Woodlands Avenue. This was to inspect Royles Brook behind her property. We also requested a visit to the Power Station site on Bourne Road to look at the installation of the new culverted sections and to discuss the ongoing maintenance regime which will be adopted on completion.
6. Finally we asked if we could visit the NPL site to look at the condition of Royles Brook where it flows from the Red Marsh Industrial Estate through towards the Stanah Pumping Station. On our last unofficial visit there were areas which had not been included in the maintenance by the company working on behalf of the EA. I discussed this with Graham and gave him photographic evidence and he said he would attend to it. This area is an integral part of the drainage system in Thornton and if it is not flowing clear in this area it could have implications to residential areas upstream in Thornton.  
 Could you possibly arrange for us to accompany yourself and Graham and whoever else would benefit from the visits to these areas?
7. Could we possibly find out why when the EA have inspected Hillylaid Pool in Thornton the large tree which had fallen across the dyke at Baines Endowed School was not flagged up as requiring removal?  
 Was the area inside the school grounds not included in the inspection?
8. Also there are areas of Woodlands Avenue which can't be accessed except by asking residents for permission to go into their back gardens to see the condition of the dyke. In days gone by the dyke was inspected by a person walking down the centre of the dyke and therefore didn't need to knock on doors. What is the process now for inspecting these areas or are they bypassed.
9. There are a few large tree branches in the dyke behind School Road yet these are also never flagged up. These areas are hard to reach and we just want to be satisfied that all areas are being inspected and that one or two issues have not been reported.

10. Are there any issues being flagged up with regard to surface water removal from the new developments in North Thornton that we are not aware of. ?
11. The periodic Flooding to Springfield Drive in Thornton has still not been sorted. We know that a lot of work has gone on in this area particularly by LCC Highways regularly clearing the road gullies and sewers. Is there anything new to report?
12. Has Graham sorted the access for our group to view new camera located at D Fit on the Red Marsh Industrial Estate. We still believe the pictures we take of Royles Brook at the Sandyforth Arms are quite striking and informative.
13. Is there any news regarding the culvert cleaning under the A585 at New Lane by National Highways. I know you constantly badger them but a new nudge won't go far wrong please.
14. It's great to report the success you have had in getting the National Grid to check their culverts under the concrete apron at Stanah. It's also good news that two obstructions were found and rectified. This should go a long way to alleviate the road flooding in the area. This just leaves the area after their substation to be checked up to the sump of the Stanah Pumping Station through Kneps Farm. Has there been any discussions around who will be doing the work and the timescale please.
15. Could Graham describe the work the EA have been doing around the flap valves on the slipway downstream of the Stanah Pumping Station? Is it so easier access can be made to ensure maintenance is completed quickly or is the work also to improve throughout through the flaps?
16. I believe the Thornton Flood Risk Summary sheet is requiring work. Could you let us know what is required apart from us checking if any of the local Care Homes etc have closed or changed names. Is it to be in a different format? Just let us know what's required.

## 6. **UPDATES TO ISSUES & ACTIONS LOG**

The updated Issues & Actions log - 25 November - is attached at Appendix A.

PL asked that members check the list and update as much as possible as many of the issues were long-standing.

**Action - All**

## 7. **NEW ISSUES**

Issues raised by FLAGS (above) added to Issues & Actions log

## 8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

BB noted that there would be no representative from LCC Flood Risk Management Team at the Flood Forum on 15 December due to commitments elsewhere.

## 9. **NEXT MEETING**

23 February 2023, 10am start in person at Wyre Civic Centre and via Teams - Details to follow.