

WYRE MAKING SPACE FOR WATER MEETING

Minutes of meeting held Thursday 29 February 2024
at Wyre Civic Centre.

Present

Carl Green (CG) Wyre Council (Engineering)
Paul Long (PL) Wyre Council (Engineering)
Ryan Hirstwood (RH) Wyre Council (Engineering)
Lorah Cheyne (LC) Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Brian Birkett (BB) Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk Management)
Graeme Kellott (GK) Environment Agency
Phil Wylie (PW) United Utilities
Jake Hilton (JH) United Utilities
Curtis Thompson (CT) United Utilities
Adam Farebrother (AF) United Utilities
Tom Myerscough (TM)
Wyre Rivers Trust

By Microsoft Teams

Mark O'Donnell (MO) Lancashire County Council (Highways)

1. INTRODUCTION

PL welcomed all to the meeting and all introduced themselves.

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies were noted.

PL noted that TM would be joining the meeting late due to a previous engagement.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 30 November 2023 were agreed.

Matters arising:

Thornton Gauge boards

PL reported that he had received two gauge boards from the EA and these have been used to create additional boards for use in Thornton and Churchtown.

Action - PL to distribute to FLAGs

Hillylaid Pool, School Road, Thornton

PL reported that the concrete block from Hillylaid Pool (to the rear of Baines School, School Road, Thornton) had still not been removed. GK confirmed that he was aware of this but the block was not having any detrimental effect on watercourse flow so was not deemed as an emergency.

PL noted that Thornton FLAG had recently reported their concern that the watercourse embankment at this point looked unstable and likely to collapse. GK noted this and would have his team inspect this.

Action - EA

Sunnyside Terrace, Preesall

PL reported that he and MO had recently visited the field adjacent to Sunnyside Terrace and agreed with Cllr Rushforth to dig out the watercourse adjacent to Sandy Lane to improve drainage on the field and reduce the risk of flooding to properties. No fixed date for the work but expected soon once weather conditions are better suited.

Action - LCC (Highways) / WBC)

The Avenue – Churchtown

PL reported that he had been in contact with Churchtown FLAG and they had asked for an update on works to the junction of the A6 and A586. MO confirmed that he had received the report on the drainage survey at the junction and that a dig location has been confirmed. He noted that the works needed to be complete soon as LCC have plans to resurface the junction in May.

PL confirmed that he had spoken to the owner of Green Wood on the Avenue regarding the installation of a penstock to slow the flow from the Wood to Ainspool Lane. The owner had confirmed that they were not against the plan but needed more time to consider its impact and to deal with other issues on the land. They would confirm their decision at a later date. He confirmed that he had informed the FLAG.

PL confirmed that Wyre Council had provided LIDAR data of Green Wood to Churchtown FLAG as requested.

4. UPDATES FROM MEMBERS

Wyre Council

PL confirmed that he had met with representatives from Churchtown, Great Eccleston, Preesall and Thornton FLAGs. Issues raised were discussed – comments are detailed below and the Issues & Actions log has been updated (see Appendix A).

Cottam Hall car park, Poulton – PL reported that, following complaints of flooding on the car park, a survey had been undertaken of all drains – this had confirmed that several drains, marked as maintained by United Utilities were in need of repair. These have been reported to UU who will look to repair as required.

CG reported that Wyre Council has been asked to look at pumping stations operated by the council and how they fitted into the EA main rivers. He said that he was particularly concerned about Springfield pumping station in Fleetwood which the council may have to switch off due to lack of funding. GK noted that it had been previously that Cala Gran may wish to take over the running of the pump as it directly affected their site. PL noted that it had been discussed but Cala Gran were concerned about the condition of the station and may wish for it to be updated before they committed to maintaining it. CG also noted that there are concerns about the condition of the rising main.

CG noted that the transfer of Stanah pumping station from Wyre Council to the EA remains outstanding and needs progressing.

Environment Agency

GK reported that there has been a collapse of the embankment at Whites Brook watercourse outfall, Great Eccleston. The debris has been cleared and a temporary repair is planned to be undertaken next week. He noted that this had had no effect on upstream levels and no properties have been affected.

GK reported that desilting works are planned for the outfall from Stanah pumping station in the coming two weeks.

Preparation works are continuing for repairing the east gate on the Garstang flood barrage; strengthening of the embankment to take the loading of a crane large enough to move the gate is currently underway. Repair works are now planned to start around June and will continue up to November. Further updates will be provided when available.

The siltation survey of Royles Brook and Hillylaid watercourses has been completed and the report is expected soon. Any works arising from the survey will be reported to the Flood Forum.

GK reported that, due to the wet winter and high energy prices, electricity costs for running EA pumping stations have been much higher than normal. This has impacted the money available for the frequent maintenance programme. The EA are currently protecting the frequent maintenance programme by utilising other funds and hope to be able to confirm their new programme shortly.

The replacement of the footbridge to the Catterall flood basin (at St Michaels) is planned to start soon.

LCC Highway Authority

- Works are continuing on reactive gully cleaning - the new reporting app "Love Clean Streets" has proved very successful and a great number of reports of blocked gullies have been reported.
- Further issues have been reported to St. Helier's Place, Barton – this is a repeat of an earlier drainage issue which had been resolved – the issue has been raised by the MP and LCC are investigating it once more. An investigation has been undertaken and a report drawn up. MO considered that the issue had nothing to do with LCC and would share the report with the Group.
- A drainage survey has been undertaken at the junction of the A6 and The Avenue; this has identified an area of concern that requires excavation. LCC are planning to undertake excavation and repair works soon, prior to highway dressing works planned for spring.
- A drainage survey has been undertaken in Inskip to look at the highway flooding issues from last year. MO added that the report will be shared with the Group.
- Works are planned for Blackpool Road, Carlton near the crematorium – this is being done in liaison with Blackpool Council.

- MO and PL have met with Cllr Rushforth at Sandy Lane, Preesall to discuss works to dig out the watercourse adjacent to Sunnyside Terrace – works are planned to commence later this year, once the weather dries up.
- LCC has received money from the HS2 cancellation for funding works in the borough.
- MO confirmed that the works at High Street, Garstang are completed, but reported that residents there have concerns about future maintenance. MO proposed that representatives from the Group meet up with residents to inform them of what work has been undertaken and who is liable for future maintenance. PL to arrange a meeting with residents, local councillors and the sports clubs (under whose land the private culvert runs
Action - PL
- Other works that need to be looked at include
 - A6 at Barton
 - Delph Lane, Barnacre
 - Lord Street, Fleetwood
 - Poulton Square, Poulton
 - Victoria Road West, Cleveleys
 - Rawcliffe Road, Out Rawcliffe
 - Fleetwood Road, Fleetwood
 - Whitters Lane / School Lane, Winmarleigh
- PL asked whether there was an update on flooding issues in St.Michaels, both on Allotment Lane and on the A586 near the junction with Rawcliffe Road. MO replied that he still had a pump ready for deployment if required, but would like to see the Parish Council take over responsibility for the flap valve into the river – either maintaining it or inspecting it and then informing the EA and/or LCC. This will need further discussion with the Parish Council.

LCC (Flood Risk Management)

- BB reported that the flooding issues on Moss Side Lane, Great Eccleston are still being considered by LCC's Legal Team as to who is responsible for the drainage.
- BB reported that he has been trying to contact the current engineer for Railtrack to look at the watercourse behind School Road, Thornton. LCC are looking to Railtrack to desilt the culvert or to daylight the existing culvert to improve flows in the watercourse.
- BB reported that he has continued to investigate the surface water drainage in Preesall, around Rosslyn Ave and Pilling Lane. He said that a survey has been undertaken on the watercourse running from the roundabout on Pilling Lane to the sea – this had concluded that the watercourse is flat and there is no evidence that the watercourse direction has been reversed as thought.

BB has arranged for a CCTV to be undertaken from Sorrel Close and Willow Close to establish the direction of flow of the watercourse.

BB reported that there is an issue with the manhole invert levels on the roundabout on Pilling Lane that needs resolving. The main issue is that all drains around the

roundabout do not appear to be discharging anywhere and more investigation work is needed.

BB noted that LCC (Highways) have an issue with the drainage on Pilling Lane, which they are investigating. He added that, once they had concluded their work, he would have a CCTV of the drainage to confirm whether or not the drainage on Pilling Lane connects to the watercourse on Meadow Ave as suspected, but as yet unconfirmed. He noted that, should a connection be proved, the watercourse is in need of immediate maintenance to ensure flow.

PL noted that there is currently a new planning application for a housing development to the east of the newly built site off Meadow Ave. – he would be looking at the surface water drainage as part of the consideration of the application.

- BB reported that, as part of the investigation of the drainage system on Rosslyn Ave., Presall, he had still not been able to prove, and check the condition of, the connection to Wheelfoot watercourse.
- BB said that investigative works have been continuing into the drainage around Royles Brook School, Thornton. He noted that there is no apparent connection between the UU drains either side of Tennyson Ave and no obvious connection of the eastern side of the drainage system to the pond within the school boundaries. He confirmed that LCC had dug down and confirmed an outfall from the west side of Tennyson Ave to the pond, but the outfall was under water. BB proposed that LCC (Highways) and UU look to put a connection from the east side of the road to the pond to provide an outfall.

PL asked where the water on the east side of Tennyson Ave was discharging to – BB considered that the system was acting as large soakaway and, during heavy rainfall, was the reason why Scout hut and properties on Marsh Road were having flooding issues.

As a side issue, BB noted that he had found evidence of foul in the surface water system discharging into the pond – someone upstream of the pond has connected a toilet to the surface water drainage.

BB confirmed that there is an overflow from the pond to the drainage to the south, and eventually to Royles Brook. He added that the overflow pipe had not yet been checked to confirm it is working properly, but the pipe to Royles Brook is working. Resolving the connection on the eastern side of Tennyson Ave., would provide a connection to Royles Brook and should resolve flooding issues in the area.

BB has yet to report his findings to the school.

- BB reported that he has drawn up a plan showing the layout of the drainage on St. Michaels, based on his inspection. There are one or two areas where surface works are required. Principally around Allotment Lane and the area between there and the Grapes. Further investigative works are required to confirm connections.

United Utilities

PW said there were no new issues to report.

- PL noted that the surface water flooding situation in Hambleton appeared to have improved, with no reported incidents during the recent heavy rainfall. This included Carr Lane, Kiln Lane and Pauls Lane. There was still flooding on Church Lane and Marsh Lane, but the main areas of concern appeared to have improved.
- PL noted that he had a meeting planned with UU and local residents to look at a flooding issue on Derby on Derby Crescent, Inskip needs to be investigated. PW replied that he had contacted his counterpart in Preston who would arrange for this to be investigated.
- PL asked whether UU were aware of the complaint from residents of a foul smell from the pumping station on Bishops Close, Poulton
- CG said that the pumping station had yet to be adopted and wondered whether there was a delay in it being adopted. PW was not aware of this issue.
- PW noted that there had been a partial collapse of the gravity section of the sewer pipe on Rawcliffe Road, St.Michaels. This had been repaired and the issue resolved.
- PL noted that he had reported an issue with the surface water drainage on Cottam Hall, Poulton. Issues with the UU drains on the car park and playing fields have been discussed with UU who will address. PL to send details of properties that have been affected to justify works.

Action - PL

Wyre Rivers Trust

- TM reported that that WRT have given a presentation to Wyre farmers in Pilling – farmers expressed concerns about flooding and their not being allowed to undertake any drainage works for several years. A further meeting is planned next week to talk with farmers on drainage issues.
- WRT have been successful in their bid for £1m for NFM Programmes (part of the EA £25m programme announced in September) – four projects are planned, including Ainspool watercourse; Sunnyside Terrace, Preesall; Millfield School, Thornton and landscaping on the River Brock. He asked that the Sunnyside Terrace working group reconvene to discuss how to best undertake the construction of the wetland area.
- TM reported that the Wyre NFM programme has so delivered 32 hectares of NFM works with a further 38 hectares planned for this year. He noted that, due to recent storm events, resulting in 420mm of rain in December at Abbeystead, the NFM works had reduced levels in one watercourse reducing by 30%. Typically levels have dropped by 15-20% on normal rain events.

He added that, during multiple rain events, the features had been working well, with water levels dropping quickly to normal and being available again for the next rain event.

- WRT are planning to undertake works around Stanah, including around Raikes Road and Underbank Road. This will include work s on the coastal salt marsh and work to store water on the surrounding land. He noted that this would help to resolve the current flooding on Stanah Road adjacent to Cathrow Way where significant volumes of water are flowing off the fields onto the road causing flooding.
- Other works included the planting of 12 hectares of woodland in the upland catchment this winter, planting of around 2km of hedgerow and several smaller bits of woodland.
- PL noted that the Flood Forum had asked whether a second trip to Abbeystead to look at the NFM works could be arranged – TM replied that this was not a problem and he would arrange one.
- CG asked whether there was any monitoring on White Carr Lane, Thornton to see whether the wetland area there had had a significant improvement on flooding in the area. PL noted that, since the wetland was installed, he was only aware of one incident where there had been flooding to the highway. He noted that concern had been raised about the on-site drainage ponds rather the new wetland.

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. (An updated copy 16 January 2024 – is attached as Appendix A)

FLAG Reports:

Churchtown FLAG

PL met with the FLAG via Teams on 20 February 2024.

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

Issues raised:

There have been two localised flooding events on The Avenue and Smithy Lane since the last Flood Forum in December.

The following areas of concern were noted

1 & 2. The Avenue and Smithy Lane

No change, still floods after moderate rainfall from surface water, mainly from the A6, regardless of river level. The pipework lines, condition and sufficiency have yet to be ascertained; LCC had arranged for this to be done mid-Jan, now starting mid-February but only after the patching panels have been completed at the critical location prior to planned surface dressing. Locating the pipelines under A586 from the Avenue and under A6 from Smithy Lane to the river, is the key to solving this problem. The alternative is to install a new crossing beneath the A586. Either way, it is better to dig down into the road and make pipe repairs before the surface dressing. For this particular area, low cost regular maintenance to keep gullies clear of silt is part of the solution to minimise

jet cleaning damage and costs. Repeated jet cleaning could explain the pipe debris always found in the vital pipe leading from bungalow manhole.

As flooding in the Avenue and Smithy Lane becomes more frequent, the CFLAG has observed that the local flooding outside the BP garage has mysteriously stopped. The westward outlets from the two manholes at the Garage entrance should be investigated to check that no A6 water is short-cutting directly into the gardens of the bungalows and into the Avenue. Further investigation works to locate and identify local surface water drains are planned by LCC (Highways) prior to highway redressing works planned in the Spring. Details will be forwarded to the FLAG following the survey,

3. Ainspool Lane

A low-cost solution has been developed by the CFLAG for a manually operated penstock in an LCC manhole that could be installed on an 'experimental' basis. This would prove that it does not have any adverse effects for the new upstream landowner, yet re-openable at any time. Despite continual rain recently, Ainspool Lane has not flooded in the last quarter. PL confirmed that a further approach had been made to the owners of Green Wood to allow the installation of the penstock. The owners were not against the installation but were unable to give a favourable response at that time. Further consideration will be given later in the year and it is hoped that consent for a trial of the proposal will be forthcoming.

4. Ainspool Field

The cause of the flooding in the field between Ainspool Brook and Ainspool Lane is still unknown. It does not happen every time there is local flooding. CFLAG is able to monitor this only when flooding occurs in daylight. LIDAR grid of levels over this area would help to identify surface water tracts as separate from any observed rising water source(s) which could indicate the location of the problem, such as an old buried culvert or a localised sand lens.

5. The power of working together on flood problems and solution

The CFLAG is driving the making of another film (Film 4) with the objective of demonstrating how the system (centred on the Flood Forum) has been developed for the Wyre catchment. It will show how community flood groups and all the concerned agencies meet together to report, discuss and communicate openly about flood problems, leading to local and strategic solutions. It seems that the Wyre model of working with the challenges of flooding is rare and so this short film will demonstrate from the experience of all agencies and groups just how this works in Wyre. It can serve as a useful reference for other catchments and areas throughout the country affected by flooding. Showcasing this at the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee Annual Conference would be the ideal vehicle as well as websites and social media. Budgeted at £3,500 to make this film and with three pledges totalling £2,500 made to date, the first day of professional filming was on 2 Feb for interviews by representatives from LCC, EA, WBC, UU, Wyre Rivers Trust and CFLAG. We are now looking for the £1,000 needed to complete Film 4.

Cleveleys FLAG

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

Garstang FLAG

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

Great Eccleston FLAG

PL met with the FLAG via Teams on 21 February 2024.

Issued raised:

1. Blocked drain on Raikes Road by the Health Centre. Gully this is overtopping and water is running down the road to the next drain. The FLAG are concerned that this may become a hazard in icy conditions. MO thought that this had been actioned already, but would check and report back. CG asked that LCC clear gullies on Barrows Lane East – all are full with vegetation growing out of them. Action – LCC (Highways)

Hambleton & Stalmine FLAGS

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

Out Rawcliffe FLAG

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

Preesall FLAG

The FLAG met on 19 February 2024.

Issues raised:

1. Watercourse adjacent Sandy Lane – As previously reported, consent has been given for work to improve the drainage in the field adjacent to no.1 Sunnyside Terrace, along the line of the hedgerow on Sandy Lane. PL, MO and Cllr Rushforth have walked the length of the watercourse and agreed that the partially filled watercourse will be dug out once weather conditions improve. It is expected that this will reduce the flooding impact on Sunnyside Terrace.
2. Water Retention Scheme – the FLAG are looking for an update on the scheme to install a wetland area to the rear of Sunnyside Terrace and Cart Gate to slow the flow of water entering the watercourse. Works are planned by LCC (Highways) to dig out the watercourse adjacent to Sandy Lane and WRT are looking to construct wetland area this year subject to landowner's approval (See Wyre Rivers Trust report)
3. Park Lane, Preesall - Following the cleaning of the road gullies there have been no flooding reports received – the FLAG will continue to monitor the situation.

4. Eskdale Ave / Consiton Ave – Concern has been raised by resident that the UU surface water outlet in the sea is blocked by rising beach levels and that the house is suffering flooding issues. UU are aware of this and the issue resides with them at the moment.
5. Lancaster Road culvert – water levels either side of the culvert differ significantly; they are high on the north side but low on the south. LCC have previously inspected the culvert and noted that it is not blocked or restricted. Difference may be due to differing levels or the culvert being too high.
6. Green Lane watercourses – it has been noted that the water level on the west of Green Lane is significantly higher than that on the east side; it has been suggested that the two watercourse be joined upstream of the current connection to ease flooding to Sunnyside Terrace. Option to be considered.
7. Rosemount Ave development – the current development is almost complete and a further application has been made for additional residential properties to the east of the current site. It has been suggested that PL and local council Orme visit the site and look at the installed drainage. Visit arranged for 3 April.

Pilling FLAG

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

St Michaels FLAG

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

Thornton FLAG

- PL met with the FLAG on 20 February; The FLAG had raised a number of queries in advance of the meeting and these were addressed at the meeting.

Issues raised:

1. Royles Brook pumping station:
 - The desilt of Royles Brook from the YMCA pumps to Meadows Avenue remains outstanding.
 - Further quotes are being sought but the issue is urgent so what is the timescale for the receipt and evaluation of quotes and expected timeframe for work to commence. There is no timeframe for these works to be completed – works will be carried out when resources permit.
 - Is there any possibility the work will not be undertaken due to the high cost involved. Quotations for the works are still outstanding – once costs are known, a decision on when and how to do the works will be made. At this time the works are considered necessary to allow the Calder Ave culvert to be inspected/repaired.
 - Gauge boards will be relocated at the same time as the above desilting work. If the desilt work is delayed over a long timeframe then could the gauge boards

be fitted as an independent task. (The gauge boards provide a clear indication that the level start equipment is operating correctly.) Access to the watercourse is required to install gauge boards – boards are planned to be installed as part of the desilting works – there are no plans at this time to install the boards before the desilting works are undertaken.

- Third pump is being removed on 20th Feb. Does this mean that when overhauled all three are in a position to be put in operation if required. Yes.
- Once the desilt is hopefully completed is the work to assess the Calder Ave Culvert with a camera survey still going to be undertaken and any damage to the culvert logged and repaired. Wyre Council is looking to CCTV the culvert to check for any defects. Any repair works will need to be considered once the extent is known and will require consultation with residents (as riparian owners) before any works are undertaken.
- The telemetry notifies the Severe Weather Officers by text. Is there a policy to cover illnesses etc. (Most things happen at weekends when Paul is on holiday so is the process robust.) The SWO is on call all times and will respond to any notifications from the telemetry.
- Is there a test schedule for the YMCA pumping station? Testing obviously shouldn't wait until there is a weather warning. Yes – all pumping stations are checked every three months. Telemetry will be tested as part of the routine inspection programme.

2. Hillylaid Pool:

- Location 31DD Various branch obstructions with a tree encroaching into the dyke. Photos previously supplied. This is on New Lane just down from the rail crossing. Noted.
- 29 and 30 CC. Numerous obstructions which require removal. Access to the area quite poor. We had to cut back undergrowth to gain access. Noted
- Outfall into Hillylaid Pool at the rear of 104A School Rd. Pictures previously supplied. Water only a few inches deep in the dyke with 1/3 of the culvert under silt. Area around this outfall requires desilting. Noted
- 25 CC Fallen brickwork and concrete across bottom of dyke still requiring removal. EA are aware, but do not consider this as priority. It will be addressed in future maintenance works.

3. Royles Brook

- Woodlands Ave
King Georges field flood scheme works really well but we have noticed the water is very slow to flow down Woodlands Avenue. We suspect that silt from the work undertaken by the Wyre Rivers Trust has flowed and settled into Woodlands Ave thus limiting the flow downstream. Where this the case it will have been noted by the EA silt survey,

The culvert under Fleetwood Rd North may also need checking for silt build up. The culvert is regularly inspected by the EA

- Location V16.
- Our team gained access to Royles Brook behind one of the homes which the EA (Graeme Kellott) also visited. Work is still required to clear vegetation and fallen tree branches in this area. Noted.
- Woodlands Ave location V18. Obstruction in the dyke, branches etc. Photo supplied. Noted.
- Location W16. Small island with reeds etc in the middle of the dyke requires clearing. Noted
- Location 14X. Fallen branches across the dyke adjacent to the Sandyforth Carpark. Noted
- We are unable to check the condition of the dyke between locations 15X and 16X as it runs behind the houses. Could you please confirm if this section has been inspected as part of the EA programme?
- Any update on the installation of telemetry at the D Fit camera location. As we have discovered over the years waiting for the Stanah Pumping Station to start automatically on high levels is too late to alleviate high levels in the Hillylaid Pool and Royles Brook dykes up stream.
- What will be the process and who will monitor the telemetry and start the pumps early at Stanah in the event of high continuous rainfall? The responsibility will be passed to the EA – No decisions have been made at this time on starting pumps in advance of rainfall events.
- The development at the Hickory's Smoke House has commenced and a concrete foundation and wall installed next to the drain which flows from the west side of Fleetwood Rd North and joins up with the Springfield Dyke system. We have been informed that there should be a 5-metre separation zone between the drainage channel and any structure. We are informed that the planning department have been notified but as yet no action has been taken with regard to the removal of the base and wall.
- What action is Wyre Planning Department taking? If there is no action to be taken then what is the point of having rules when it comes to development and sustainable drainage systems. Wyre planners have spoken with the developer and confirmed that the retaining wall is part of the works to raise land levels on the site. The wall will fully buried and an 8m easement to the watercourse maintained at all times. No further action is required.
- How will the drainage ditch be maintained as the developer is now the riparian owner and is there a plan to install a brick chamber on the east side of the culvert under the road to allow clear access for Lancashire County Council Highways Division to maintain the culvert under Fleetwood Rd North? If no prior forethought has taken place can the planning department ensure that work is undertaken to remedy this situation? Maintenance of the watercourse will be undertaken by a site maintenance company employed by the residents. Details of the company are not yet known as they have not yet been nominated.

- We have previously reported that the surface water basin on the Centurian Park development west of Fleetwood Rd North is highly dangerous with no lifebuoys or rescue equipment should anyone and in particular a child falls into the water. We requested that the water is pumped out to say about 18 inches. We asked if anyone at Wyre Council could visit the site to look at the safety implications given the timeframe which has already passed and with no indication of when the work on the site will restart. There is a planned attenuation link into Springfield Brook dyke adjacent to the water storage area and it's obvious that this work has not yet been completed. Could the developer be brought back to site to complete this work? The Developer has been informed of the FLAG's concerns.
- Has anyone from Wyre Council visited the site? Not in relation to the specific concern.

Stanah Area

- Any update on the camera installation work at the Stanah Pumping Station from the EA and possible time scale for the work to be completed. None yet.
- During recent exceptionally high tides the concrete tank from the screws was full and water wasn't exiting to the river. Any updates regarding checking the flaps on the exit apron or other possible causes and remedial action which need to be taken. Tidal flaps were prevented from opening due to exceptionally high tides. Also noted that one of the outfall was partially silted up.

EA to undertake dredging works to clear silt.

- The dyke at the Cathrow Way estate was requiring remediation by POS Landcare. Could you confirm if the work has now been completed please?

PL has spoken with POS who have confirmed that the watercourse has been recently cleaned out.

PL noted that flooding of the highway outside Cathrow Way had occurred since the works have been completed. Most of the water is run-off from the fields opposite Cathrow Way rather than highway drainage; this needs to be brought up with the landowner.

- I believe the work is now complete on the National Grid site (please advise if not). What is the plan for checking all the outstanding sections up to the sump?

PL confirmed that the works on NG land are now complete. Any works in the highway will need to be looked at by LCC (Highways).

Other Issues

- The missing flap at Ramper Pot which stops back flow onto Underbank Road. Any updates as to its reinstatement. Neither EA or WBC were aware of this –

PL has since inspected the outfall and confirmed that the flap is missing – a replacement is to be sourced and fitted.

- The long standing blockage at the junction of Anchorsholme East and Royles Brook on Marsh Farm. I believe the EA were attending to this. Any updates please. This could have an impact on the water levels in White Carr Lane.

GK said that contractor had had some difficulty in accessing the area due to soft ground – EA will take another look when ground conditions are more favourable.

- Victoria Rd east is still flooding and surface water going over the pavements into the driveways of a couple of the bungalows just east of the Morrisons roundabout. The grids were cleared but there is still a blockage somewhere. We did mention if it was possible to raise the footpaths just like Mark did on Fleetwood Rd North opposite Bourne News. Any proposals for this issue?

PL confirmed that the gullies have all been cleared. MO to check that connecting pipes are clear and not blocked.

- The pond at Royles Brook School is very overgrown and the dyke which runs adjacent to the pond alongside Wordsworth Ave has a lot of rubbish and vegetation and the water is flowing very slowly. This is clearly the Schools responsibility but it needs sorting. Can contact be made with the school to chase up please?

We have had a report from one of our team who lives in the area saying that there are 5 areas of road surface on the stretch of Marsh Road along the side of the school that are sinking again.

There is a particularly bad one opposite the Scout Hut which local people know to avoid in wet weather. Could this be linked to the surface water sewer under the road and the fact that it's not known where it links to and is possibly broken?

The investigation work being conducted in this area by UU and LCC is still not completed. Any updates please. Updates included in LCC (FRM) report above.

- There are still issues on Lawsons Road with its junction with Briar Road. We are not sure if this was as a result of the dykes being full and that the levels were not reduced prior to heavy rain on the 23rd July last year. Has there been any investigation work in the area to check for blockages?

MO confirmed that no further inspections have been carried out since inspection of Torrentum Court a few years ago. Flooding is considered to be due to inability of local drains to empty quickly enough into Hillylaid Pool at high levels.

- I visited Hawley Gardens this morning and looked at the area which leads directly onto the Power Station site. I couldn't see where the culvert has been deviated around the side of the site but I may be mistaken. Looking at it from Birch Lane which is a dead end it looked like the culvert runs directly towards the homes facing this road. This can't be correct as you are not allowed to build over a culvert. I'll supply photos but is it possible to check this out. We have previously asked on a few occasions for a site visit but nothing came from the request. Now we are asking if someone from Wyre or the EA or UU go to site just to ensure rules have been adhered to. This is the same developer who are

involved in the Hickory's site who have built directly next to the wall so that's why we feel someone should check. Hopefully everything is above board so that the agencies can take over responsibility for the site drainage system once the developer leaves site. The plans show that the culvert turns to run behind the properties, not under them (plan attached as Appendix B)

Also regarding Hawley Gardens the string which John and myself fitted a few years ago is still doing a great job. Quality string from a quality group.

- We are very aware of the increasing problem with siltation in both Royles Brook and Hillylaid Pool.

The level of silt can only have increased since our group was formed. We appreciate that there has been much work conducted in culvert cleaning over Thornton but the sections between the culverts still hasn't been addressed.

- I know we are still waiting for the silt survey from the EA. Has this now been completed and will the results be shared at the forum and any possible remediation work discussed. GK confirmed that the survey has been completed and he is awaiting the report. He hopes to have this prior to the next Flood Forum so that he can provide an update.

6. UPDATES TO ISSUES & ACTIONS LOG

The updated Issues & Actions log – 21 January 2024 - is attached at Appendix A

7. NEW ISSUES

No matters raised

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No matters raised

9. NEXT MEETING

30 May 2024, 10am start in person at Wyre Civic Centre and via Teams – Details to follow.

Appendix A

Issues & Actions Log

Provided as separate file

