

## WYRE MAKING SPACE FOR WATER MEETING

Minutes of meeting held Thursday 30 November 2023  
at Wyre Civic Centre.

### Present

Carl Green (CG)	Wyre Council (WBC) (Engineering)
Paul Long (PL)	Wyre Council (Engineering)
Mark O'Donnell (MO)	Lancashire County Council (Highways)
Brian Birkett (BB) Management)	Lancashire County Council (Flood Risk)
Lorah Cheyne (LC)	Lancashire County Council (FRM)
Melissa Hanson (MH)	Environment Agency
Phil Wylie (PW)	United Utilities (UU)
Jake Hilton (JH)	United Utilities (UU)

### Apologies

Graeme Kellott (GK)	Environment Agency
Pippa Hodgkins (PH)	Environment Agency

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

PL welcomed all to the meeting and all introduced themselves.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted as above.

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 31 August 2023 were agreed.

### Matters arising:

Thornton Gauge boards - PL reported the he has received two gauge boards from the EA for use in Thornton. He is proposing to use the boards as a template to produce additional gauges for use throughout the borough.

**Action – FLAG to confirm sites where needed.**

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 – MH to report back to GK too have this removed.

**Action - EA**

Culverts under the A585 - PL confirmed that National Highways have now confirmed that the culvert at New Lane has now been cleared. There were no reports on whether any other culverts under the A585 Amounderness Way have been done. NH have previously informed the Group that all culverts would be cleared on an annual basis.

Carr Lane, Hambleton - PL reported that there was no flooding reported during the heavy rainfall event of 23 July. It appears that the installation of the new highway drain is having a positive effect. LCC to continue to monitor the area over the coming months.

PW confirmed that there is no update on the foul flooding to three properties on Carr Lane.

PL note that Hambleton Parish Council had raised the issue of the flooded property on Stricklands Lane, Stalmine – PW confirmed that some works had been undertaken to renew the flap valve to the sewer and that the resident had obtained permission to discharge to adjacent land during a flooding event.

Hambleton Flood Defence Scheme – PL confirmed that the scheme has been submitted to Wyre Council for planning consent. Subject to planning approval, works are set to begin in 2024.

Garstang Flood Barrage – PH presented a report from GK to the Group (see below) in which it was confirmed that work to replace the hinge on the east gate was in progress. Works remain in progress to be completed in Spring 2024.

High Street, Garstang – MO confirmed that repair works to the pipe have been completed and the pipe is running well. He noted that there are still some works that need to be completed, but these are not for LCC to undertake. He will update the Flood Forum in December.

Springfield Pumping Station, Fleetwood - PL confirmed that Wyre Council are looking to undertake works to bring the pumping station up to a good standard – ahead of any potential change of ownership.

With regard to the recent planning application that wishes to discharge to the river via this station, PL confirmed that, following an objection from Wyre Council, the applicant has submitted a revised application that shows surface water discharging to Copse Brook culvert via the highway drainage system – at the moment LCC are refusing this connection. PL confirmed that the application has not yet been considered by Council.

Fleetwood Quay outfall – CG reported that repairs to the outfall from Copse Brook have been completed, but there is no progress on the other proposed works at this time.

St. Michaels flooding – MO said that he had spoken with the FLAG and noted that the local drainage system works well provided that the outfall to the river, east of the bridge, is kept clear. MO reported that LCC would undertake works to clear the outfall as required. He added that anchor points for labourers would be required for safety and he would request consent from EA to add anchor points to the steel piles on site.

Sefton Ave., Poulton - PL confirmed that he had not progressed this since the last meeting but would chase this with Wain Homes prior to the Flood Forum. He noted that there have been no further reports of flooding at this location.

**Action - PL**

Sunnyside Terrace, Preesall – PL reported that Cllr Rushforth has been in contact with the landowner of the field adjacent Sunnyside Terrace and it has been agreed that works can be done to reinstate the watercourse alongside Sandy Lane. It was agreed that a meeting to address this and other issues specific to Sunnyside Terrace would be held in the coming weeks to determine who would undertake the works and how it will be financed. PL to arrange meeting.

**Action - PL**

The Avenue, Churchtown – PL informed the Group that he had spoken with the FLAG about the need for further investigation works to determine the route and condition of the surface

water drainage at the intersection of the A6 and A586 (The Avenue). He confirmed that a meeting has been arranged for the following day with the FLAG to look at this issue and plan any additional works necessary. An update from LCC would be given at the Flood Forum.

PL added that the FLAG continue to put forward their plan to install a penstock on the outlet from Green Wood to reduce the risk of flooding to Ainspool Lane. PL confirmed that the land has recently been transferred and that he has details of the new landowner; he added that he would write to the new owners for consent to trial the penstock.

**Action - PL**

PL repeated the FLAG's request for LIDAR data for Green Wood and asked whether the EA could make this available. CG confirmed that Wyre Engineers would be able to provide this – PL to organise this.

**Action - PL**

Royles Brook School, Thornton - BB confirmed that works are still outstanding. LCC (Highways) to undertake excavation works in Q4.

**Action - LCC / UU**

Royles Brook pumping station - PL informed the Group that the pumping station behind Thornton YMCA is currently being refurbished. Currently, the first of the three pumps has been removed and is being refurbished. It is expected to be reinstalled by Christmas when the second pump will be removed for inspection and replace or replacement.

Royles Brook culvert – PL informed the Group that works to inspect the private culverted section of watercourse between Meadows Ave and A585 have been put back due to excessive silt in the open watercourse holding back water and preventing a full discharge from the culvert. WBC have been in contact with their maintenance contractor and are awaiting a quotation for desilting of the 125m of open watercourse.

Inskip flooding – PL confirmed that EA, LCC and Wyre would be meeting with residents, representatives from the Parish Council and Cllr Slater to look at the recent flooding area in Inskip next week. He also noted that there is a separate issue on Derby Crescent, Inskip that needs to be addressed by UU. PW confirmed that the issue falls outside of his area but he will advise the person at UU who would deal with this to arrange a site visit.

Northumberland Ave watercourse – PL confirmed that he was not aware whether Burn Drain watercourse had been cleared, although the EA did confirm that works were planned for it.

Silt survey – MH confirmed that the contract for undertaking silt surveys in Thornton watercourses has been awarded and works are to start soon. Reports are expected by the end of January 2024.

A6 drainage at Barton – MO reported that further works were required to the drain repaired at Barton; while there had been no further reports of flooding, it is understood that there is a blockage further downstream that needs to be cleared. This may require an exploratory dig and partial closure of the A6.

Park Lane, Preesall – PL noted that there were still reports of flooding on Park Lane despite recent drainage works on the highway gullies. He added that the reports were that the situation was better than previous, but there was still some standing water on the highway during heavy rainfall events. MO said that he would monitor this area to see whether any further works are required.

Marsh Lane / Sandy Lane, Hambleton – PL reported that Hambleton FLAG are reporting that the highway adjacent to the watercourse continues to flood during a heavy rainfall event. MO confirmed that the pipes had been recently cleared into the watercourse at the request of the FLAG. PL was aware of this, but concerns have been raised that the issue may be related to a blocked carrier drain back to Market Street; it has been reported that several gullies on Market Street are overflowing and water is running back the road. MO to look into this.

Kiln Lane, Hambleton – PL reported that the gully at the end of Riverside Drive is not draining – it does not appear to be a blocked gully, so may be an issue with the carrier drain. MO to investigate and clear.

Hambleton Fisheries – PL reported that the flap valve on the surface water drain leading into the fisheries has now been freed and working as normal.

#### **4. UPDATES FROM MEMBERS** **Wyre Council**

PL confirmed that he had met with representatives from a number of the FLAGs this week, including Churchtown, Hambleton, and Thornton. He added that comments from the various FLAGs have been received (as below). The Issues & Actions log has been updated (see Appendix A).

There have been no significant flooding events since the last event in July and there were no new issues to report.

#### **Environment Agency**

MH presented a report from GK to the Group detailing works undertaken by the EA.

Maintenance Work:

The EA will shortly be starting their maintenance work on Springfield/Burn Drain. Maintenance work on Hillylaid Pool, which included desilting the open section around Breedy Butts farm, is now complete.

The silt surveys planned for Royles Brook, Hillylaid Pool, Horse Bridge Dyke and Springfield watercourses (as per the previous Flood Forum report) have been awarded to our contractors who will be undertaking the work shortly, with the reports due by the end of January.

Garstang update:

We are planning to remove the east gate which will allow us to survey the area under the gate and confirm our design to repair the hinge mountings. The work required to repair the hinge and re-install the gate is complex (at an estimated cost of £1.5million) and requires careful planning and will also mean working in the channel for prolonged periods. Any in-channel works during the winter period present a safety risk to personnel and risk equipment (scaffolding etc) being washed away, therefore the repair work will be planned as a priority after the winter period. We are working on the temporary works design to accommodate the very large crane (estimated at 450t) that will be required for the work. We will be able to inform you of our updated work programme shortly.

- We understand that this remains a cause of concern to the local community and to ensure that a standard of flood risk protection is provided to people and property downstream of the basin, additional stop logs were installed upstream of the floodgate on the east side in October 2022. These allow us to be able to store around 900,000m<sup>3</sup>

of flood water in the basin, for comparison, a typical flood event will see us storing around 325,000m<sup>3</sup> of flood water. We believe that up to 16 properties may be at increased risk from the reduced basin capacity but wish to stress that this is only for a very large flood event. We have also adjusted our Flood Warning thresholds to reflect the temporary storage levels.

- The stop logs will remain in place until the repair has been completed. The west gate remains operational and will be used alongside the stop logs to operate the flood storage basin. We have operated the basin in this way successfully this year on the 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 23<sup>rd</sup> July and the 6<sup>th</sup> Oct and will continue to do so until the repair is complete.

### **LCC Highway Authority**

1. MO reported that LCC has received a great number of complaints for blocked gullies via the new reporting app “Love Clean Streets”, many of which have proved to not be warranted as they were found to be running well but unable to discharge further downstream, such as surcharging watercourses.
2. Cyclic gully cleaning is now complete – works are continuing on reactive cleaning.
3. Works to resolve long-standing issues at Churchtown are continuing; MO reiterated that a meeting with the FLAG is planned for the following day to continue investigative works at the junction of the A6 and The Avenue.
4. Works in St Michaels to resolve highway flooding issues at the junction of Rawcliffe Road and the A586 are still ongoing.
5. Flooding in Hambleton is still being monitored, although most of the major issues appear to have been resolved or reduced. PL confirmed that Hambleton FLAG had reported that there is anecdotal evidence that flooding issues have either been resolved or significantly reduced in impact.
6. MO noted that there has been no major flooding on Sunnyside Terrace for some time, although CG did point out that significant resources have been made available to help reduce the flood risk here. It was agreed that the Wyre Rivers Trust wetland proposal needed to be constructed to significantly improve issues here. MO noted that Cllr Rushworth has obtained consent from local landowners for works to be undertaken to dig out an old watercourse and direct surface water away from properties. This work is to be considered by the group and undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

CG noted that there is long section of culverted watercourse downstream of Green lane – he asked if this had been recently inspected. MO confirmed that this had been checked last year and found to be clear and in good order.

MO asked whether the EA would consider some minor changes to the area where Green Lane watercourse met the watercourse on Moss House Lane to improve the flow from Green Lane and possibly reduce flooding to the area around Sunnyside Terrace and Cart Gate. It was suggested that this be raised with GK.

### **LCC (Flood Risk Management)**

1. BB reported that he has continued to investigate the surface water drainage in Preesall, around Rosslyn Ave. He reported that the investigation of the chamber at the entrance to Fausset Ltd proved to be a foul sewer and not connected with the surface water drainage system. As such work is being focussed to the east of the area.
2. BB reported that a CCTV inspection of the surface water drainage from the roundabout on Pilling Lane had been undertaken – this seemed to dispel the understanding that there is a connection to the watercourse on Meadow Ave. BB to undertake additional survey work.

### **United Utilities**

- PW said there were no new issues to report.
- PL noted that the drainage 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.
- CG asked whether UU had an update on the pipe to the Fleetwood waste treatment plant – PW replied that he was not aware of any update but would inquire and report back to the group.  
**Action - PW**
- PL reported that Hambleton FLAG had reported that there were wet wipes in the watercourse on Marsh Lane. It is considered that there may be a cross connection from the foul sewer, possibly on Market Street. PW noted this and would report back for further investigation.

### **Wyre Rivers Trust**

- PL noted that no report had been received. He noted that WRT had been working on the construction of the wetlands area on King George's Playing Fields, Thornton. CG confirmed that the bulk of the works is now complete.
- BB said that the outfall from the surface water drain on Marsh Lane has still not been located in the banking of Royles Brook. A further inspection would need to be undertaken to find it.

## **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 – 13 November – is attached as Appendix A)

### **FLAG Reports:**

#### **Churchtown FLAG**

PL met with the FLAG via Teams on 24 November 2023.

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

#### **Issues raised:**

There were no serious flooding events in the Churchtown since the last Flood Forum in September.

The following areas were noted

1 & 2. **The Avenue and Smithy Lane** – These hotspots are located on opposite sides of the A6 but are somehow connected because they always flood simultaneously after heavy rain. The **pipework lines, condition and sufficiency have yet to be ascertained** in order to find the way to prevent the frequent flooding at these locations (several times per year). It is hoped that LCC and WBC can arrange this in suitable weather and river conditions. The attached sketch-plan (same as last report to MSfW) shows the present status of investigation, with the additional question (Next Step #5 on the plan) as to whether the westward outlets in either or both of MHs 13 and 14 act as overflows under flood conditions, resulting in the flooding first appearing reportedly in the garden of the rear bungalow behind MH11 in the Avenue.

Both these locations lying on opposite sides of the A6 flooded but flooding from 08:30, peaking around 10:00. No houses were flooded internally. The solution for both these locations is to fully identify the location of all the pipework, check for blockages and breaks, and remedy. See 5 below.

3. **Ainspool Lane** – The question is how long to continue exposing the houses and the roadway to frequent flood risk and incurring the cost of bringing in and running a trailer mounted pump for 12 or more hours each time when a simple low cost solution is available. This would be the installation of the CFLAG proposed penstock in the manhole on the A586 opposite the Kirkland Hall Gate, with upstream safeguarding provided by the Flood Wardens then monitoring the flood water storage level in the Green Wood. If any problem should occur, the penstock would be reopened. From local knowledge of water level in the Green Wood, the only times this has ever posed any problem to properties was during the two disastrous floods of 2015 and 2016 when the cause was river water from Kirkland Bridge inundating the whole village, a situation now prevented by the construction of the Kirkland Bund. This logical engineering ‘try it and see’ approach is a low cost alternative to an expensive flood modelling exercise to most likely confirm the local knowledge, only with the extra cost (~£4,000) of the penstock proposal still needed.

4. **Ainspool Field** – The cause of the flooding in the field between Ainspool Brook and Ainspool Lane is still unknown because it does not happen every time the Ainspool Brook is full or there is other local flooding. But when it does flood, it can reach the houses near the end of Ainspool Lane and threatens the gardens and houses on the near side of Ainspool Lane and part of Church Street. Flood Wardens are trying to observe how and where this starts which unfortunately is often during darkness. **LIDAR grid of levels over this area would help to identify surface water tracts as separate from any observed rising water source(s)** which may then indicate the location of the problem, such as an old buried culvert or very local sand lens.

5. **Sandbags** – Of the sandbags left outside the Memorial Hall by WBC, the CFLAG has now topped up all 21 grit bins hidden around Churchtown, and at the next dry spell, will move the remainder to the space behind the three grit bins in the Church car park. No external action needed.

### 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 Ecclestone FLAG

No meeting held ahead of the MSfW meeting.

#### 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. Previously reported to Cllr Salter but no resolution yet
2. The attenuation pond on Phase 2 of the new builds on Thorne Meadows on Copp Lane has stopped filling up. The natural pond on the estate is overtopping but the attenuation pond is not. Is it blocked in some way? Can this be checked?

### Hambleton & Stalmine FLAGS

PL met with FLAG on 29 November

#### Issued raised:

1. Highway drain at junction Marsh Lane / Sandy Lane – previously have reported that two of the four drains that discharge into the watercourse on Marsh Lane are blocked. LCC have unblocked these, but there still appears to be an issue, possibly with the carrier drain leading toward Market Street. The FLAG asked that LCC look into this again.
2. The FLAG reported signs of misconnection discharging into the watercourse on marsh Lane (covered above)

### Out Rawcliffe FLAG

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

### Preesall FLAG

The FLAG met on 20 November – PL was unable to attend.

#### Issues raised:

1. Park Lane, Preesall - Following the extension work to the gullies the surface water following the recent storm Debi dispersed without raising concerns of flooding.
2. It is noted that several kerb stones outside 24 and 10 Sunnyside Terrace have become loose and/or raised by residual surface water at the road edge. Would LCC (Highways) look into this?  
**Action – LCC (Highways)**



3. Potential for flooding on road and pavements on Sandy Lane - As reported, consent has been for work to improve drainage along the line of the hedgerow on Sandy Lane.
4. 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.

There is local knowledge that the land owner has resubmitted a planning application for three properties on part of the proposed site.

5. Sandy Bay caravan site, Pilling Lane - Flooding, making footpath un-passable. There is apparently due to the spur of the dyke having nowhere to drain the water to. This is riparian responsibility to clear watercourse adjacent to the caravan site.
6. Considering the continual downpours and storm warnings throughout October and November, the gullies are coping well with draining the roads and pavements across the area.

This is not reflected in the surface water evident across the wider area of fields and the fluctuating water levels in the dyke systems. Several property owners have raised concerns over the issue of septic tanks being impacted by the high water table.

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

#### Issues raised:

#### **Hillylaid Pool.**

FLAG held a field trip to Hillylaid Pool on the 22nd November in the area from New Lane to towards the Belvedere Culvert.

- Location 31 DD - Various branch obstructions with tree encroaching into the dyke. Photos supplied. This is on New Lane just down from the rail crossing.
- 29 and 30 CC - Numerous obstructions which need clearing. Access to the area quite poor. FLAG did some cutting back of undergrowth to gain access.
- Outfall into Hillylaid Pool at the rear of 104 A School Road. Pictures supplied. Water only a few inches deep in the dyke with 1/3 of the culvert silted. Photos supplied. Area requires desilting adjacent to outfall.
- 25 CC. Fallen brickwork / concrete still requiring removal.

## **Royles Brook.**

Is it possible to get an update when the pump at the rear of the YMCA will be re-installed? *The first of the three pumps has been removed for repair – it is expected to be replaced before Christmas. The second pump will then be removed for repair/replacement*

Is it planned to remove the second pump which was sounding rough when the overhauled pump is replaced. *Yes, once pump no.1 has been replaced*

Any update regarding the telemetry at the pumps and when it will be in operation. *Telemetry was installed on 12 December and is now operational.*

Any update when the desilting work will be started on the section from Meadows Ave to the YMCA pumping Station. *A quotation has been received and is being considered.*

When will the gauge boards be installed at the north side of the pumping station? Will this be when the desilting work is being undertaken by the contractor? *Boards have been received from the EA and will be fitted as part of the dredging works.*

Once this work is complete then will the desilting work commence in the culvert from the Morrisons Roundabout to Meadows Ave and subsequently the camera work to inspect the culvert for inappropriate garden drainage work which may have compromised the integrity of the culvert. *That is the plan*

What is the plan to reinforce the bank immediately after the outfall from the YMCA pumps to reduce the effects of erosion? Who will be financing this work? *There are no plans to undertake any reinforcement works.*

Our team gained access to Royles Brook behind one of the homes on Woodlands Avenue. Work is required to clear the vegetation and fallen tree branches in this area. Area V16. *Noted – EA made aware.*

The work undertaken by the Wyre Rivers Trust on King Georges Field is a magnificent achievement. During heavy rain it coped easily in containing extra capacity. Tom should be proud to have brought this project through from design to implementation. Such a great scheme for Thornton.

One thing we did notice was the level on King Georges was high when the level in Royles Brook down Woodlands Ave was much lower. We wonder if there is silt build up after the culvert on Fleetwood Road North holding back the water. Similar situation to the culvert on Meadows Ave. *The EA are undertaking a silt survey of all Thornton watercourses – if this is the case then it should be noted in the survey report. The report is due at the end of January 2024*

Can we have an update regarding when the telemetry will be installed at the EA camera located at D Fit. *EA to provide an update at Flood Forum.*

## **Springfield Brook.**

The land to the south of the new Hickory's Smoke House has been levelled prior to construction taking place. The tributary from Pheasant Wood which flows under Fleetwood Rd North and at the edge of this land next to the detached house on the corner of Bourne

Road is in danger of being covered. It is important that this watercourse remains clear and free running. Can some communication take place between Wyre Planning Department and the developer to ensure that the importance of this watercourse is discussed? *Maintenance of the watercourse is covered under a management agreement for the new site - this can be raised with WBC Planning to remind the developer of their commitments.*

Across the road on the Centurian Park development there is a large water attenuation pool. This is supposed to have a connection into Springfield Brook where an attenuated flow will drain to. The water presently is not draining. Is this the plan until construction work commences or is there an issue? *Not known, but developer will be approached for information.* Springfield Brook at this location is severely choked up with bushes and vegetation. Who has responsibility for clearing this area? *The developer.* Is the developer the new riparian owner of this section of Springfield Brook? *Yes.* We have concerns regarding the depth of this attenuation Pool. Slippery, muddy steep sides which would make it very difficult for a person to clamber out safely. Could someone in authority inspect this facility with regard to health and safety and perhaps get the level of water reduced by pumping into Springfield Brook. *This will be raised with the Developer*

### **Stanah Pumping Station.**

Can we be updated as to when the EA are fitting the camera to show the level in the inlet sump and to also show when the pump/ pumps are in operation. *EA to provide update.*

The dyke through the Stanah area adjacent to the Cathrow Estate is once again overgrown and in need of maintenance. It is now not possible to gain access to the locations for inspection purposes. Is it possible to arrange a meeting to look at this location to see what is required and inform POS Landcare if required? *PL to contact maintenance company to request works undertaken.*

Can we have an update regarding the National Grid area on Stanah Road and the culverted sewer underneath the apron? *NG have provided plan of culvert route through their land.* Is this now clear and are there any outstanding sections through to the Stanah sump which still require checking. *NG claim it has been cleared on land within their ownership*

The blockage in Royles Brook caused by a build-up of debris from the dyke on Anchorsholme Lane East situated on Marsh Farm still requires removal. I believe the EA have been asked to undertake the work. *EA to provide an update*

Can we have an update regarding the work being undertaken by both UU and LCC in the area of Marsh Road adjacent to Royles Brook School? It is now 6 years since the first serious flooding in this area. Has there been any further progress. *See comments in minutes above – works are still outstanding.*

The bungalows on Victoria Road east adjacent to the rear of Calder Avenue have excess surface water entering their properties from the road. Overspill water could be coming from the unofficial flood plain located to the south of Victoria Road. The footpaths at the entrances to driveways require raising in a similar way that Mark O'Donnell completed on Fleetwood Rd north near the new Coop. Could LCC be contacted to do this work and also ensure that all the road gullies in this area are clear. *LCC to advise. Note that all highway gullies have not been cleared and works are still outstanding on the culverted watercourse to Royles Brook.*

Our team have written a letter of support for a project which Tom Myerscough of the Wyre Rivers Trust is putting together to create a flood attenuation scheme on Hillylaid Pool around the area of Belvedere School. As part of this scheme we have mentioned the old dam which was located west of Horse Bridge Dyke. With the increase in house building in Poulton and the uncertainty of how the new flap valves will operate with regard to volumes at high tides then we have asked if this defunct facility could be re investigated and possibly reinstated in some form or other. *It is understood that WRT are planning to install leaky dams in this area – TM to update*

Finally has there been any meetings held as a consequence of our request that councillors are active in their wards during flooding events. Is there any intention to look at this issue or is the status quo of councillors keeping out of the way to remain as the default action. *This has been discussed by MSfW – CG has given a presentation to Councillors on flooding issues. It has been suggested that Councillors get involved with the FLAGS.*

## 6. UPDATES TO ISSUES & ACTIONS LOG

The updated Issues & Actions log – 13 November 2023 - is attached at Appendix A

PL noted that the issue of subsidence on Coniston Ave, Knott End does not appear to have been addressed. MO replied that LCC have attended to this and noted that the issue is related to a blocked outfall onto the beach. He asked whether anyone was aware who was responsible for this. PW replied that this is a UU asset, but the recent increase in beach level has meant that the outfall is permanently under water on the beach. He noted that only one property appeared to be affected by this and UU have been in contact with the homeowner and have provided mitigation at the property.

## 7. NEW ISSUES

1. Issues raised by FLAGS (above) have been added to the Issues & Actions log
2. Cottam Hall car park, Poulton – CG reported that residents have complained about flooding to the car park adjacent to Cottam Hall playing fields, Poulton. PL confirmed that he was aware of this but had yet to inspect the site. He did note that the car park drained by UU drainage pipes to Horse Bridge Dyke and not via the council's drainage within the fields. He noted that the car park gullies are cleared annually (normally Feb / March) and did not expect this to be the issue.  
He would take a look at the earliest opportunity.
3. PL noted that Thornton FLAG have requested a walk through with the EA of Hillylaid Pool and Royles Brook watercourses to look at issues of high siltation and debris. This is to be arranged to suit all parties; however GK has confirmed that he cannot attend prior to the December Flood Forum.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No matters raised

## 9. NEXT MEETING

29 February 2024, 10am start in person at Wyre Civic Centre and via Teams - Details to follow.