

Minutes of Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2024

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. N Whalley, T Fiddler, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. C Thomas, Mrs. P Mulholland, K McKay and Mrs D Dickinson.

The Chairman of the Council Mrs. N Griffiths was also in attendance.

1) Apologies:

Councillors Mrs. J Atherton (other business)

The reason for absence was accepted.

2) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

There were no declarations of interest.

3) To review the Drains on Bush Lane and other areas in the Village.

Councillor Threlfall introduced Mark O'Donnell from LCC Highways to give an update on the work carried out to eliminate the flooding in the Village.

Mark indicated that a major problem was the lack of dredging of the river and tributaries which has caused silt to build up. This is particularly prevalent when there is a heavy downpour at high tide as water cannot get away. The Environment Agency is responsible for keeping the waterways clear and they do not have the resources to pay for this work.

Mark gave the following updates on the work that has been carried out by LCC:-

Green Lane West

The drains in the top half of the road have been repaired and are flowing freely in to the dike about half way down. There is still a problem with the effluent in the lower part of the road drains and this is coming from the UU site lower down. LCC are pursuing this problem with UU.

Bush Lane

The drains in this area have been checked and where possible repaired. There is a problem with a drain that runs under private land from Bush lane to Bramwell road. The drain is the responsibility of the land owner but LCC are seeking permission from them to repair it. Investigations are ongoing as to where these drains goes to.

Lytham road.

The water drains have been investigated and repaired. There is an issue with an outlet pipe that runs into Pool stream. It looks like it has been crushed so only running slowly. This will be repaired.

There is a problem with raw sewerage going into the water drains from one of the properties on Lytham road. The owner is in the process of having it diverted to the sewerage drains.

Kirkham Road.

The drains will be checked.

Mark indicated that it is the Council's policy to clear, once a year, only main road gulleys. Gulleys in other areas will be cleared if reported. It would be useful if the Contractors could check the gulleys as they are doing work in the areas.

Signed.....Noreen Griffiths.....

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