

Pyecroft Road/Lingley Green Flood Alleviation Measures

Update on events in December 2008/January 2009

22nd December 2008

Cllrs A Litton, R Smith, C Lee, K Gleave, T Wood, plus Mr D Boyer of Warrington Borough Council met with representatives of United Utilities to look in more detail at the options which had been considered for alleviation of flooding in the Pyecroft Road area, as set out in an options document provided by UU.

All the options were discussed, but the option to use the playing field at the north end of Stocks Lane was examined in particular. The Parish Council members asked UU to do some more work on this option and to go into more detail on all the implications that would come about from choosing this option. UU were asked to produce a detailed optioneering report on the Stocks Lane option including alternative routes from Pyecroft to the playing fields for the gravity sewer.

The Parish Council members shared their understanding and concerns regarding the implications of the legal status of Lingley Green on any proposed development.

UU also said they would look at the aspects of the Lingley Green option that caused most concern (size of Kiosk, effect of pressure vent) and see if they could be minimised.

The Parish Council said they would make a decision (subject to considerations related to Lingley Greens legal status) after receiving the report and consulting residents. They asked for a site visit to a similar installation for themselves and residents, if the Stocks Lane option is ultimately rejected as not viable.

UU also undertook to consider the legal issues raised by the Parish Council concerning the greens legal status and to consult with WBC legal department on the outcome of these considerations.

December 2008

Parish Council contacted WBC Planning and asked to have the decision on the Planning application deferred (was due at the meeting on 7th January). WBC agreed to defer – Planning Officers said they would wait until the Parish Council and UU had resolved their issues. WBC asked UU to refer the legal issues to their Legal team and then liaise with the WBC legal department.

January 2009

Cllr Lee contacted the office of the Secretary of State concerning the legal aspects. They confirmed this is the first time this particular issue has arisen (ie conflict of water regulations and village green legislation). They advised that the legal issues are not

straightforward, there are 3 separate pieces of legislation which govern the use of village greens and all must be considered.

6th January 2009

UU run a well attended presentation on the flood alleviation measures. This was open to the public all day in the Tim Parry Community Centre.

14th January 2009

At the Parish Council meeting an update is given on events since the last meeting on 10th December. The Council assures members of the public present that when the reports are received from UU it will hold a consultation meeting open to residents before a decision is made by the Council.

However at that date no reports have yet been received.

21st January 2009

UU send a record of the meeting of December 22nd 2008 to the Parish Council, and also a letter giving an evaluation of the alternative route for Stocks Lane.

26th January 2009

The Parish Council consider the information given and will be writing to UU to request more detail.

Please continue to check this website and the Noticeboards for the date of the next public meeting.