

Clerk's report (for information only)

1. VAT126 completed and sent to HMRC on 09.03.21 to reclaim VAT to end of Feb 2021 which included VAT back on purchases of laptop and MS 365 annual subscription.
2. On 01.03.21, Clerk received a survey from LALC in relation to training that had been undertaken in the last 3 years. Several questions needed input from Councillors – Clerk sent an email asking for responses by COB 11th April so that the survey could be completed by deadline of w/e 15.04.21. Responses collated and sent back to LALC on 13.04.21.
3. Clerk responded to Garstang Town Council in relation to the Emergency Plan and sent the following resolution from the meeting – It was resolved that the Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council would be interested in joining and willing to provide content if and where appropriate toward the Emergency Plan.
4. On 25.03.21 the two missing lamp posts on The Toppings development were being installed. The following new article was included on the website with a photograph; After over two years of lobbying by the Parish Council to the Developer, Lancashire County Council and Wyre Council the two missing lampposts at The Toppings Development on the footpath that connects to the public right of way into Garstang Town Centre have now been installed. This additional illumination will provide a safer environment for residents walking to Garstang at night.
5. The following issues have been reported to LCC via LCC Councillor Shaun Turner and LCC responses are noted **in red**:
 - a. Sullom side Lane – At the top of Bell Lane round the left hand bend at the top; just on Sullom Side Lane, to the left is very uneven surfacing. This has been reported a few times in the past – I am unable to find the ref number though. Similarly if you keep going on Sullom Side Lane the same thing has happened to the surfacing on the left just as you approach the post box and the junction onto Strickens Lane. **LCC Response - we will put this location forward for a future patching scheme. In the meantime, we will continue to monitor its condition to ensure it remains safe and serviceable.**
 - b. The road surface is in a terrible state on the corner of Strickens Lane where it meets Sandholme Lane and opposite the turn off to Turners Lane. There was a huge pot hole here also which has been filled in very recently but is starting to open back up again as water settles here too which won't help. **LCC Response - Strickens Lane was last inspected by the Highway safety team on the 24 February 2021. Following a recent site visit we found one investigatory level defect and this was repaired on the 26 March. Unfortunately, previous assessments have not placed Strickens Lane on one of our resurfacing programmes. We will look to include it in a future programme in due course. In the meantime, we will continue to monitor its condition to ensure it remains safe and serviceable.**
 - c. The bottom of Bell Lane (where it meets Sandholme Lane) has recently been holding a lot of surface water, particularly when it rains – water is running across the road here. This may be due to a blocked culvert? When it was freezing this made the area

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treacherous. **LCC Response - We will jet the culvert at the bottom of Bells Lane. If this does not resolve the issue further drainage work will be undertaken.**

- d. There is a large accumulation of water also on Parkhead Lane, North of the motorway bridge. **LCC Response - We visited Parkhead Lane but didn't witness a large amount of water. We will investigate further following rainfall and take the necessary action.**
 - e. Also, to chase the sinking of the road into Calder Vale village (again, discussed briefly last night) – Email ref I have for the road sinking is 238925. And for the issue of the replacement reflector bollards, I have email ref 238929. **LCC Response - A scheme is being designed to support this road, area made safe in the meantime. Ref 238929, update - the markers will be reinstated as part of this scheme if required.**
 - f. The sign at the top of Calder Vale village is pointing in the wrong direction and not physically possible to spin it back round to point to the village. It must have been knocked by a high sided vehicle. **LCC Response - We are arranging for the damaged Calder Vale sign to be repaired/replaced.**
6. Notification received that the precept amount £8,455.00 was credited to the bank account on 08.04.21. Account checked and confirmed 09.04.21.
 7. Following the death of a senior royal; all Local Authority websites are required to provide a landing page of black background containing only the official image, year of birth and year of death with a simple button to allow any visitors to the website to continue to the main website. This was organised by Easy Websites on 09.04.21 following the death of HRH Duke of Edinburgh.
 8. 26.04.21, Clerk received an email from Andrew Huskisson, District Lead Officer, Highways & Transport at LCC stating that LCC has now considered the parishes concerns and agree that the bridge on Ray Lane, Barnacre would benefit from additional signs and as soon as they are able to, they will revisit the road to install appropriate signage to warn drivers of the approaching low bridge and its height.
 9. Clerk checked with Councillor Ibison and Marsh re planning applications 21/00059/FUL (Engineering Operations to form a lake @ Land Gubberford Lane & 20/01304/FUL (Replacement dwelling @ Woodacre Cottage) and there were no comments (ref to items 11a&b of agenda 17.03.21).
 10. Clerk received the following info from the new police contact; Guy Hamlett: The new Neighbourhood Policing PC that covers the Parish is PC 4326 Rachael Sanderson and she can be contacted via 'Contact an Officer' service on the Lancashire constabulary website.
Future Parish Council minutes/agendas should be forwarded to Guy who will then be able to monitor re anything that might have a policing angle.
With regards to attending Parish Council meetings on a regular basis, Guy sends apologies, but states that is not something the police are now able to commit to unfortunately. That is because, following a core services review (just over two years ago), resources were refocussed from Neighbourhood Policing and to the Response function - that ensured that Lancashire now has an enhanced 24/7 policing service, with Neighbourhood Policing becoming a more bespoke service focusing on crime prevention and community safety. Practically, that means that Guy's team cover a larger area with fewer (but more specifically focussed) officers.

To manage the relationship with Police / Parish Councils (and across Guy's team's geographic area of 20 Town and Parish Councils), he will provide regular updates (and attend when his duties/operational commitments allow) to LALC.

In addition, his team have been encouraging all community members to conduct the Lancashire Talking survey and sign up for the (free) bespoke messaging service ('In the Know'). The survey provides communities with a 'voice' in how they prioritise their Neighbourhood Policing activity and In the Know allows them to engage directly with communities. Thousands of surveys have now been completed across all ward areas in Lancashire, which has provided teams like Guys with a unique understanding of the issues that affect communities at a local level. They are now forging ahead with plans to tackle those issues and then report back to communities (via In the Know) – i.e. 'you said, we did.' In tackling the issues, they also get to collaborate with existing partners (including LALC members), as well as in newly formed partnerships (e.g. Our Lancashire volunteer groups). In relation to the Barnacre-with-Bonds area, residents have told them that some of the top issues that they want the Police (and our partners, such as the Parish Council) to focus on are dog fouling, road safety and anti-social behaviour. <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/lancashire-talking> is the link to learn more about Lancashire Talking. From there, there is a further link to take the survey and sign up to In the Know. He asked that this be shared with the Councillors, ask them to complete the survey/sign up themselves, and also to encourage residents to do the same.

11. On 11.05.21, The height of the hedge at the junction with Calder House Lane and Garstang Road was queried by a local resident. Duchy homes have erected a permanent fence inside the hedge line. Query made to LCC highways (via Shaun Turner) requesting they looked at the hedge and determined if it is obstructing the sightlines, who is responsible for it etc. If LCC are responsible for the hedge and determine it is obstructing sightlines; request they undertake any maintenance work or contact Duchy Homes to complete it if it is the responsibility of Duchy Homes.

On 25.05.21, Andrew Huskisson (District Lead Officer, Highways LCC) responded as follows: We have recently visited the location on a number of occasions in response to a similar enquiry from a local resident. During these visits we considered the sightlines at the junction of Calder House Lane and Garstang Road. We are of the opinion that when turning right onto Garstang Road there are excellent sightlines with no obstructions at this time. There is however, a possibility that the hedge cited above may cause difficulties in the future if not maintained, I have therefore, asked our highways team to monitor the area and if appropriate discuss the matter further with the land owners to control the growth of the hedge.

12. Clerk forwarded the email from Guy Hamlett to all Councillors and put the information at point 10 above on the Parish website.
13. On 13.05.21, Clerk purchased 1 yr McAfee security software for £29.99.
14. On 14.05.21, Clerk confirmed with Peter Woods that the memorial hall was available for the meeting on June 23rd and then all meetings scheduled for the rest of the year as the Parish Council resumes face-2-face meetings.
15. On 20.05.21, Clerk paid £25 to LALC training for the effective meetings course on 10th June for 1 delegate.

16. On 20.05.21, Clerk paid Zurich insurance the renewal amount of £324.61.

17. On 27.05.21, Clerk reported the following to LCC Highways requesting an inspection was carried out and if necessary, the footpath be corrected; the resident of 32 Bonds Lane has recently had their drive resurfaced with bituminous material. This driveway joins the public highway in Byerworth Lane North adjacent to 4 Byerworth Lane North. As part of the resurfacing works the contractor has overlain the footpath in front of the drive to 4 Byerworth Lane North and where the drive to 32 Bonds Lane joins the footpath. This surfacing has just been placed on top of the existing footpath surfacing and this has left a prominent lip at both edges of the new surfacing. These lips are a potential trip hazard.

On 09.06.21, LCC confirmed receipt of the reported footpath on Byerworth Lane. Email ref 328770.

On 17.06.21, Andrew Huskisson (District Lead Officer, LCC Highways & Transport) response; *We will shortly visit the area to inspect the pavement, should the works encroach onto the adopted pavement we may contact the resident to ask them to remove tarmac from the footway and make good the affected area. Should they fail to do this we may refer the issues to our legal team and ultimately could undertake the works ourselves and recharge the resident. I will continue to monitor this enquiry and will update you further as soon as additional information is available*

Planning decisions

- 1. Is Lawful** – 21/00111/LAWP – Certificate of lawful development for proposed rear extension @ 3 Spring Bank, Garstang.
- 2. Prior approval approved** – Single storey rear extension – The enlarged part of the dwelling house (the extension) will extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house by 3.00 metres. The maximum height of the enlarged part of the dwelling house will be 3.15 metres. The height of the eaves of the enlarged part of the dwelling house will be 2.40 metres @ 8 Heald Croft, Garstang.
- 3. Application withdrawn and therefore will not be determined** – LCC/2020/0038 – Creation of a bund including installation of field drainage system and associated landscape @ Sandholme Mill, Sandholme Lane.
- 4. Application granted AND Decision notice has been issued** – LCC/2020/0069 - Full planning application for 3 storey, 45 bed space care home facility, widening and rerouting of access road, new car parking areas, summerhouse, energy centre, cycle and bin store and landscaping. outline planning application for development of 3 storey extra care facility consisting of 65 apartments along with subsequent demolition of existing care home facility Bowgreave Rise, Garstang Road, Bowgreave.

- 5. Application not lawful – 21/00264/LAWP – Conversion of detached garage to ancillary living accommodation @ Kelbrick Farm, Strickens Lane.**
- 6. Prior approval not required – 21/00475/HPN – Single storey rear extension.** The enlarged part of the dwellinghouse (the extension) will extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by 6.00 metres. The maximum height of the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse will be 3.40 metres. The height of the eaves of the enlarged part of the dwellinghouse will be 2.30 metres @ 2 Oak Hill Drive, Bowgreave.

Mrs Nicky Mason