

Clerk's report (for information only)

- **Community event 07.10.23** - Acceptances to date include: - Wyre Rivers Trust, Cosy homes, Lancashire Police (PCSO Daniel Martyn & PC Sanderson) & Lancashire Fire & Rescue. Age Concern are not able to send a representative but are sending leaflets via the post for distribution at the event. Advertisement added to September addition of Outlook.
- **Low Carbon Energy Project** – Invoice from Prospus as part of the low carbon grant works funded by Electricity North West was paid, Invoiced items include: - Project page development and hosting, Facebook marketing and leaflet printing, delivery, marketing, and community event.
- **Jubilee tree planting** – The Parish Council have received the following update from Chris Bennett, Senior Woodland Officer at Lancashire County Council.

Wes Hall, the regional tree officer and I discussed the site and the potential for tree planting there yesterday – he knows the location.

I will send him the plans that show the services and he will, no doubt, be in contact with you shortly to discuss the options.

Previously, you would have dealt with the highways engineers, but the way that trees are managed by the county council is in the process of being updated and, as such, a new integrated tree service was formed last year and a lot of our policies and procedures are being changed to reflect this. Trees such as the one you are proposing are classed as 'Consent Trees' and are enabled under Section 96 of the Highways Act (1980) which empowers a district or parish council to plant and maintain new trees in a highway maintainable at public expense, with the permission of the highway authority. Before a district or parish council can do this they need to sign a consent form which will indemnify the county council against third party claims arising from the tree being planted in the highway.

Wes will discuss with you the location of the tree, the variety of tree to be planted and the planting specification that he would prefer (e.g. the use of root barriers etc), designed to prevent damage to structures or uplift of footways, for example Location, there are several standards that must be maintained:

Trees must be positioned such that they will not compromise visibility on the highway and the risk of vehicle impact is minimised.

They should not compromise street lighting.

Planting positions must be such that tree canopies and root systems will not obstruct users of the highway or future maintenance operations including maintenance of highway drainage systems and plant or equipment related to services and owned by statutory undertakers.

Horizontal clearance must be sufficient to avoid direct damage to drains services, flexible services and adjacent private structures.

It is very important to understand that, although we have carried out a check for the presence of services, this does not guarantee their precise location, and anyone intending to carry out excavations in the highway, and in the vicinity of public utilities apparatus must have the prior approval of the statutory undertakers and evidence of the approval should be provided to the Council.

Normally, where Consent Trees are planted within the highway, the County Council will not maintain them and will not be liable for any claim arising from a tree defect.

Planning decisions / updates

- **Application Refused** - 23/00357/FUL - First floor rear/side extension and replacement dormer to rear @ 12 Greenacres Drive, Barnacre.
- **Accepted** – 22/00936/DIS – Approval of details reserved by conditions 6 (landscaping) on planning application 22/00963/FUL @ Rough Moor Barn, Delph Lane.
- **Refused** – 23/00316/FUL - Proposed erection of two-storey rear extension, single storey side extension, conversion of existing integral garage into living accommodation, detached single garage to front and formation of raised terrace patio to rear @ Outlook Strickens Lane.
- **Permitted** – 23/00344/FUL – Erection of 9 no dwelling with associated car parking, landscaping & access from Calder House Lane (variation of condition 6 on planning permission 22/00396/FUL to allow for alternative drainage arrangement) @ land at Calder House Lane.
- **Unknown** – 23/00568/SCRE – EIA Screening opinion for proposed installation of ground solar farm with ancillary development @ Turners Farm, Turners Lane.
- **Permitted** – 23/00071/FUL – Conversion of existing building into one holiday unit (C3) and new access with closure of existing access @ Tarnside, Dimples Lane.
- **Permitted** – 23/00621/FUL – Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) @ Woodside, Dimples Lane.

- **Permitted** – 22/00338/FUL – Proposed extension to existing motor repair and servicing workshop @ Parkhead Farm, Parkhead Lane.
- **Is Lawful** – 23/00654/LAWP – Certificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey rear extension @ Byerworth Farmhouse, Byerworth Lane North.