

Clerk's report (for information only)

At the AGM held on 10th May 2024 Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish council elected a new chair, Cllr Tony Fennell and a new vice chair, Cllr James Reilly. Cllr Reilly has updated the website to reflect this.

17.05.2024 – Vat refund received from HMRC £1012.48 for tax year 2023/24.

28.05.24 Clerk sent Certificate of Exemption authorised at the Parish Council meeting on 15.05.24 by acting Chair Cllr Tony Fennell to the Auditor. Change of details for the Clerk and the newly appointed Chair Cllr Tony Fennell were updated and sent.

28.05.24 Clerk uploaded all documents from the AGAR for public inspection, these are available to view on the Parish Council website along with the Notice of public rights dates 03.06.24-12.07.24.

Clerk reported a leaking bridge on the footpath 100 to the Canals and Rivers trust via the website contact form reporting the fault and location and requesting an inspection. Requested by Cllr Webster. Information received in response to case number 1261630 from Chris Brooke at the Canals and Rivers Trust is as follows: -

“I have spoken with our local Operations team, who are aware of the leak from the aqueduct. The operations team and our engineers are monitoring this regularly in order to determine what actions maybe required to deal with it.”

The case is now closed with The Canals and Rivers Trust.

The clerk sent provisional opt in forms for Public Rights of way grant for discussion at the meeting on 10th July. Reply received accepting forms and awaiting instruction from Linda Anderson (LCC 01772 532613).

12.06.24 The clerk visited Calder Vale War Memorial and took photographs of the current condition. Researching previous investigations regarding ownership of the war memorial at Calder Vale, it is evident that Wyre Council own 3 war memorials (in Poulton, Fleetwood and Thornton) as the Council have adopted these as they sit on Council land. All other war memorials in Wyre are owned by either the Parish or Town Council or are privately owned. The clerk has researched the possibility of grant funding in preparation for discussion at the next meeting using the war memorial Trust website. The clerk has called and left a message for them to contact the council for further discussions. (War memorial Trust 03001230764).

The clerk has contacted Drystone Craft using an online contact form to see if they can give a quote for the pointing work, Paul Scott (drystonecraft@hotmail.co.uk) responded and requested pictures of the required work to be sent to discuss work involved and possible pricing for the work on the War memorial.(The Parish Council will need this if it is the intention is to pursue grant funding). The inscription also needs attention as this is not legible. Pictures sent to Paul Scott.

The Clerk has been researching ownership of the Bench at the bus shelter at the corner of Calder House Lane, email sent to ward Cllr Dave Swift asking for assistance to find status with Wyre Council. I have received confirmation from LCC that they do not own any wayside seating. The bench is in need of maintenance, see minutes for March 24 meeting.

28.06.24 Council received a donation from Legend Fire Northwest Stages to be used by the Parish Council for the benefit of the local community.

Planning/Updates

Application Permitted – 23/01118/FUL - Change of use of agricultural buildings to four dwelling houses (C3) @ Howeth Farm Bruna Hill Barnacre.