

Clerk's report (for information only)

- Clerk left a few messages for Mr Graham Clarkson, the manager of the street scene officer, John Bettle. No response. Clerk then sent an email to John Bettle regarding the open space area South of the bridge at Castle Lane and the proposed "tidy up" on 12.Nov.12. Await response.
- Alan Wallbank (Tree / Woodland Officer) who is to plant the Jubilee Tree the Parish Council have been given, has been contacted to inform him that the Council would like to hold a ceremony of some description when the tree is planted, but would like the area "tidied up" before this happens if at all possible. Unfortunately, the tree was planted before an "official ceremony" could be arranged. John Bettle, the street scene officer, arranged for the area to be tidied 22nd November. The bin was taken away, and will not be replaced at the moment. John felt that the area looked nicer without, but will monitor the litter situation closely. In his experience, taking a bin away doesn't usually mean there is an increase in litter. John has Councillor J Ibison's details as a contact regarding the area / future issues / etc.
- Clerk informed Mark Broadhurst, Head of Housing Support at Wyre regarding the empty houses in Calder Vale.
- Mark Broadhurst is meeting with the clerk on Monday 10th December to take photos of the empty properties & take away any additional information the Parish Council has regarding them.
- Clerk met with Mark Broadhurst, who took photos of all the empty properties, and the clerk arranged for him to meet with the Managing Director, Mr Bob Quick at the Lappet Manufacturing Company. He later updated the clerk, and the owners of the houses was visiting the UK in Feb 2013, where the empty houses would be discussed. Mr Quick had received a letter from the local MP also regarding the amount / condition with concerns. Mr Broadhurst will keep the Parish Council informed of any developments on the subject.
- Clerk contacted LCC regarding a salt bin request for Bell Lane / Sullom Side Lane. The area will be assessed early January.
- Clerk contacted Mr Alex Graham at LCC for an update on the Calder Vale Road situation, following several requests from villagers & Councillor Blackwell. LCC put large plastic barriers up around an area of the road that looked like it was going to slip into the field over 14 months ago. The barriers are still there, and the crack in the road is increasing in size and the barriers are causing obstructions for both local residents and lorries going daily, to and from the Mill. Local residents have contacted LCC directly over this several months ago, to be told the matter was in hand and work would commence October 2012. Work still hasn't started. The Clerk was informed that LCC are fully aware of the situation and initially they were planning a piling scheme to stabilise the road. After speaking with engineers / specialist piling contractors they had difficulty getting them to come up with a suitable solution / tender. The approach to the problem seems to have changed now, and the plan is to re-enforce the slope by putting in (counter fort?) drains Mr Paul Blakely & another rep from LCC have visited the site during December and work is due to commence in the new year. The Clerk suggested that the communication between LCC & local residents could improve & suggested that a letter/memo may be appropriate through doors in January (if not possible before) to update them all on the situation.

Planning applications (dealt with under delegated authority)

- 12/00731/FUL - Two storey side extension, new porch & new bay window @ Station Lodge, Calder Vale (no objections)
- 12/00754/FUL – Demolition of existing barns & construction of new stone barn with storage, garaging & hay loft. Installation of 2 x 5m high CCTV poles, & a new aluminium polytunnel in the adjacent field @ Long House Barn, Longhouse Lane (No objections)
- 12/00797/FUL – Two storey side extension & first floor rear extension @ 2 Greenacres Drive (no objections)
- 12/00553/FUL – Change of use of existing building to one residential unit & new vehicular access (resubmission of application 12/00553/FUL) @ The Dimples, Dimples Lane (no objections)
- 12/00798/FUL – Change of use of existing building to one residential unit & new vehicular access (resubmission of app:12/00553/FUL) @ The Dimples, Dimples Lane (no objections)
- 12/00799/LCC – Erection of a new storage unit for Community & Academy use adjacent to the sports hall @ Garstang Community Academy (no objections)
- 12/00802/FUL – Single storey rear extension @ Rose Cottage, 29 Garstang Road, Bowgreave.

Planning decisions by Wyre

- 12/00619/FUL – Permission granted for a single storey rear extension @ 6 Anderton Way.
- 12/00798/FUL - Change of use of existing building to 1 residential unit & new vehicular access @ The Dimples, Dimples lane was refused.
- 12/00634/FUL – Permission granted for a single storey side extension & detached log store @ Bramblewood, Parkhead Lane.

Other planning matters

- Discharge of condition 9 attached to planning application 10/00444/FUL for proposed demolition of two dwellings to create one new dwelling @ Lower Cottage, Reservoir Road.

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