

Clerk's report (for information only)

- A new guide is now available from supporting communities & neighbourhoods in planning entitled "How to shape where you live: a guide to neighbourhood planning" Your Clerk has 1 hard copy which will be made available to view at the meeting, but further copies of the publication are available as a downloadable PDF along with other helpful planning info @ www.planninghelp.org.uk or email scnp@cpre.org.uk clearly stating your name & address to request a hard copy. There is also an e-learning course to help you put the guide into practise available @ www.ntselearning.co.uk this is free, simply self register to begin.
- The official Parish Council notice board – Previously, the clerk had contacted a local joiner to carry out work required. The joiner in question, after looking at the job, decided it wasn't something he could assist with. Clerk has yet to confirm work with another source.
- An email received from Jo Turton, Executive Director for the Environment following the Parish Council's response to the consultation exercise on the Review of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) in which they proposed that the Garstang, Great Harwood, Bacup and Colne HWRC sites close as part of a £179m 3 year programme of savings by Lancashire County Council. They received over 4,000 individual responses to the consultation which were all carefully read, recorded and considered in a post-consultation review document. A Cabinet report, which included a post-consultation review document, was prepared for, and presented to the Deputy Leader, County Councillor Atkinson, to enable him to make a decision regarding which four sites to close. County Councillor Atkinson made the decision on 15 December 2011 to close the sites at Garstang, Great Harwood, Bacup and Colne. This was subsequently called in by the County Council's Scrutiny Committee which then met on 21 December 2011 to consider the 'call in' request. The Scrutiny Committee did not alter the decision, and as a result the four proposed Household Waste Recycling Centres will close from 19 March 2012.
- A request for volunteers to represent the Parish Council (sent out on 30.01.2012) to attend a meeting at Poulton on Wed 29.02.12 to review Wyre's leisure service provision. Unfortunately the Parish Council wasn't represented at the meeting, but the clerk has requested that any notes / minutes from the event be forwarded to the Parish Council.
- The Clerk responded to the email from Joanne Latham that there were to be no attendees from the Parish Council at the County Service of Celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which is to be held at The Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin, Blackburn on Sunday 13 May 2012, service commencing at 4.00pm.
- The Clerk attended a meeting on Tuesday 20th March at The Town Hall, Lancaster with the tax office. The Clerk has no experience in the area of registering the Council as an employer / tax codes / payroll / etc & in order for the Parish Council to satisfy all questions on the annual return for the Audit Commission needed to seek advice / help on this matter. After a couple of hours, listening, asking questions and taking notes.....the clerk left County Hall with lots of paperwork, a disc to download & unanswered questions!!!!? But, hopefully all should be in order for the time of the next meeting in May.

- The clerk has contacted planning at Wyre Borough regarding a boundary wall, around Crosby Cottage, Keepers Lane, Barnacre. The foundations are in and there is concern that the wall will narrow the highway. Planning have now arranged for someone to visit the property to check. This is as a result of a phone call the clerk received from a concerned member of the public. There should be news on this within 28 days from 10 April 2012. Clerk will update all when info available.

Planning applications (dealt with under delegated authority)

- Proposed single storey extension to the west elevation @ The Piggeries, Eidsforth Lane.
- Single storey side extension @ 7 Woodacre Mews, Hazelhead Lane.
- Raise North facing wall & replace roof with a pitched roof. Also install a door in East facing gable to allow vehicular access @ Unit 3 Creamery Industrial Estate, Kenlis Road.
- Renewal of an extant planning permission for conversion of 1 dwelling house into 2 dwelling houses & two-storey side extension relating to planning application 09/00388/FUL @ Calder House, Albert Terrace, Calder Vale.
- Erection of single-storey rear extension @ Kelbrick Farm, Strickens Lane.
- Conversion of Post Office to residential use @ The Post Office, Victoria Terrace, Calder Vale. Also amendments to this application received.
- Modification to design of double garage previously approved under application 02/03/01544 @ Heald Shippon, Parkhead Lane.

Planning decisions by Wyre

- Permission granted (17.01.12) for the provision of vehicular access to allow forecourt parking space for two cars @ Holly Cottage, 27 Garstang Road.
- No objections were raised (24.01.12) to the replacement gate to school playing fields off Dimples Lane with 1.6m high 6-bar galvanised gates.
- Permission granted (31.01.12) for change of use from garage / ancillary to live/work unit including new access @ The Cottage, Dimples Lane.
- Permission granted (20.02.12) for the erection of 1 wind turbine with a 31.5m high mast & a total height of 45.45m @ Helmsdeep, Long Lane.

- Permission granted (09.03.12) for a single storey extension to the West elevation @ The Piggeries, Eidsforth Lane.
- Permission granted (21.03.12) for a single storey side extension @ 7 Woodacre Mews, Hazelhead Lane.
- Permission granted (27.03.12) to raise a North facing wall & replace roof with a pitched roof. Also install a door in East facing gable to allow vehicular access @ Unit 3, Creamery Industrial Estate, Kenlis Road.
- Permission granted (27.03.12) for the renewal of an extant planning permission for conversion of one dwelling house into two dwelling houses & two-storey side extension, relating to planning application 09/00388/FUL @ Calder House, Albert Terrace, Calder Vale.
- Permission granted (04.04.12) for change of use on land for a helicopter landing pad, timber hanger & timber tower @ Brooklands, Bruna Hill.

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