



6. **Planning Applications (PA) for Consideration & Updates:**

Electricity Act 1989: Overhead Lines (Exemption)(England and Wales) Regulations 2009  
**APPLICATION: 24/0329/OHL PROPOSAL:** Notification under the Electricity Act 1989: Install and keep installed an Electricity line Above Ground.

AT: Cross Lane Farm Cross Lane Barley

FOR: Electricity North West

The proposal within the application is to install, and keep installed, an electricity line above ground at Cross Lane Farm. The application goes on to ask, if in your opinion, the installation is likely to have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

The Council's understanding of the location drawing is that an overhead cable and a pole will be removed from the AONB. The cable will be sunk into the ground and will go underneath Cross Lane and into Cross Lane Farm.

Members saw this as a positive contribution to the environment and **RESOLVED** to make no objections. Members had a concern regarding potential damage to the hedgerow (environmental impact); this is to be reported to the Borough Council requesting provision for protection. **Action: Clerk**

**Boothman Wood Removal of Ash Trees 24/0313/TWR**

Councillors Heap and Rushworth had visited the site to view some of the twenty-seven trees marked for removal and we are satisfied that they are in poor condition and should be removed from the site. It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objection to the tree felling but to propose that the new owners of this site develop a sustainable woodland management practice and regenerate this site which has suffered much damage in the past. The Council would be pleased to see a woodland management plan developed. **Action: Clerk.**

**Far Banks Farm Certificate of Lawful Development 24/0262/CEA**

Members were bemused that the most recent amended planning application, which the Council had supported, had been withdrawn and a CoLD submitted. Members **RESOLVED** to object to the increase in Window sizes as they had done previously. **Action: Clerk.**

**Manknowles PLE/23/1087** - In August 2023 members had noticed that the stone roofing slates on the rear of the building were not the same; it looked like there were existing slates at the top of the roof and newer slates on the lower section of the roof. PBC were aware of the issue and had given the developer a period to remedy the situation. Cllr Heap had recently visited the structure and shared images with Members; it was agreed that there was still a distinct difference in colour. It was **RESOLVED** to bring this matter to the attention of PBC. **Action: Clerk.**

7. **Parish Maintenance & Village Projects – Members to receive Reports & Proposals**

**Update on Playground Upgrade**

The chairman had previously issued a briefing note to members on 28 May outlining the requirement to construct three footway accesses around the swings and to replace a grassed area next to the playground gateway with macadam to prevent a mud patch developing which would be a hazard and would dirty the carpet. The chairman outlined in detail the works required, defects to be addressed by Kompan and other potential minor works required. Members **RESOLVED** to progress all the works discussed and to appoint AJB Ltd without a tendering process (circa £4-5k) because they had confidence in the company and they were available to undertake the works as a matter of urgency. **Action: Cllr Goldsbrough & Heap.**

Cllr Heap explained that the public footway between the playground and the road would have to be closed for much of the footway access construction as an excavator would be blocking it.

	<p><b>Removal of left-over random stone from Village Green following above walling works</b> Available members agreed to remove the stone on Monday 17 June. Councillor Heap would liaise with Richard Hargreaves to cart the stone away to the farm. <b>Action: Cllr. Heap</b></p> <p><b>Village Green Verti-Draining</b> Cllr. Heap: PBC had undertaken verti-draining of the village green on 4 June free of charge.</p> <p><b>Removal of dead trees on Car Park and landscaped area opposite Village Hall.</b> Cllr Heap showed photographs of dead or dying trees in these areas. Members <b>RESOLVED</b> to set a budget of £1200 for removal of trees. <b>Action: Cllrs Grimshaw and Heap.</b></p>
<p>8</p>	<p><b>Traffic Issues, Turning Area, Car Park &amp; Planned Events</b></p> <p><b>Feedback on Resident Parking Scheme after introduction on 6 May 0n 2024</b> Cllr Goldsbrough commented that more visits from enforcement officers, particularly late afternoons, is required to deter illegal parking. There was a discussion regarding the Council adding to the LCC signage. The chairman said no decisions could be made as it was not an agenda item. If it was a future agenda item the proposer would have to detail the sign size, the wording and where it would be fixed. Permission would likely be required for fixing.</p> <p><b>Parking on Verges above Village Hall – Feedback from Village Hall</b> Proposed double yellow lines outside the VH to prevent inconsiderate parking. Members felt it would be beneficial to put the lines on the VH side of the road to protect the grass verges. Cllr Heap reported he had sent the proposal to the VH chair and was waiting a response.</p> <p><b>Events Planned:</b> On 15<sup>th</sup> June the Coronation plaque is to be unveiled</p> <p><b>Pendle Hospice Pub Walk on 6 July</b> The organisers had proposed and requested permission to put 8-10No portable toilets on the car park. Members thought this was a good idea and suggested half on the Turning Area and half on the car park. <b>Action: Clerk</b> to liaise with Hospice and inquire about marshals.</p> <p><b>Surface Dressing of Barley New Road</b> A Traffic Regulation Order has been made for the closure of Barley Lane between 12 July and 9<sup>th</sup> August. The works should only take 1 or 2 days within this period.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><b>Village Green Additional drainage – Members are asked to approve a budget of £6k for additional drainage works on the Village Green around the area of the benches.</b></p> <p>Members <b>RESOLVED</b> to set a budget of £6k to further improve village green drainage in the area of the seating benches near Barley Road bridge. Design required followed by procurement of a suitable contractor. <b>Action: Cllrs. Heap &amp; Grimshaw.</b></p>
<p>10</p>	<p><b>Village Green Maintenance – Members are asked to approve a budget of £1k for selective weedkilling and fertilising of village green.</b></p> <p>Members <b>RESOLVED</b> to allocate a budget of £1k for village green maintenance. Chairman to liaise with Pendle BC. <b>Action: Cllrs. Heap &amp; Grimshaw.</b> Cllr Hunt informed he owns an automated spreader that could be used to spread weedkiller.</p>

11	<p><b>Waste Bins - Members are asked to approve a budget of £4k for replacement of older Waste Bins on the Village Green and the Car Park</b>                  Members agreed that PBC should be requested to replace the bins in the first instance. Should they not have funds to do so then the Council could offer to contribute to the costs.</p>
12	<p><b>Village Benches - Members are asked to approve a budget of £1k for bench maintenance or replacement in 2024</b></p> <p>Members RESOLVED to allocate a budget of £1k towards bench maintenance and replacement. Existing stock of benches to be assessed and a maintenance and replacement programme established. <b>Action: Cllr Connor and Heap</b></p>
13	<p><b>Reports from Chairman</b>  <b>Management arrangements during the summer 2 months</b> recession (no July meeting). The chairman said that with the above approved budgets, works could be progressed during the summer recess. Urgent matters to be addressed by Chair, Vice Chair &amp; RFO.</p> <p><b>Proposal to Members to purchase a 20L knapsack sprayer for selective weed treatment of Village Green costing circa £150 – outstanding action.</b></p> <p><b>Decision to add Grass cutting on Village Green Embankment on to Annual Schedule.</b> Members RESOLVED to add grass cutting on the embankment an annual maintenance action along with strimming the footpath above the embankment.</p> <p><b>Balsam eradication around village –</b> Volunteers would be requested in July.</p> <p>Cllr Heap had reported many blocked gullies on Barley Lane.</p>
14	<p><b>Clerk &amp; Financial Officers Report</b>                  The current bank balance was £83,412.46 and after setting aside commitments, and reserves, the monies available for the Council to spend is £38k.</p> <p>The RFO set out a proposed level of financial reserves. It was RESOLVED to set the financial reserves for 2023/24 at £16k.</p>
15	<p><b>Members to receive an update and discuss the Best Kept Village Action Plan.</b>                  Cllr Goldsbrough had not been able to draft an action plan.                  Cllr. Connor and Goldsbrough had tidied up the Bullion area assisted by the Lengthsman.                  Cllr Heap reported he had planted the car park raised beds with Mike Dodd.                  Cllr. Connor proposed planters on toilet wall are filled – <b>Action Cllr Connor.</b>                  Caroline Heap reported she had cleaned the base of the Bullion Finger Post sign and signs on the car park. Cllr Connor added that the “Horse Rider” sign needs cleaning                  Volunteer gardener “Alison” had done further weeding on the Turning Area.                  Cllr Heap - Julie Brooks had given permission for planting of the raised bed at the Bullion.</p>
19	<p><b>Reports from Councillors &amp; Borough Councillor Reports:</b>                  Cllr Grimshaw reported he had sourced replacement CCTV cameras for the Village Hall which will provide improved night time images. Agenda item for next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Connor reported he had asked the Barley Mow to tidy and weed around their premises and they had promptly done so.</p>
20	<p><b>Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (agenda items by 6<sup>th</sup> August'24)</b></p>