

7	<p>Parish Maintenance & Village Projects – Members to receive Reports & Proposals</p> <p>a Update on CCTV Camera Replacement project. - Cllr Grimshaw confirmed that 7 x 4k cameras are in his possession and that the outstanding equipment, the low light LPR camera and networking equipment are now in stock and will be purchased in the next few days. Action: Cllr Grimshaw</p> <p>b Update on Toilet Block Improvement Works – Cllr Heap Outstanding works are re-pointing of some walls and painting, plus some minor snagging issues in May when the weather should be better.</p> <p>c Update on leaks in toilet block and Members are asked to consider installing an outfall drain in the floor of the Ladies toilet. The Chair reported that in the first week of March there had been two leaks in the Ladies toilet flooding the floor. The old handwash unit had a minor leak repaired by NWR plumbers. A toilet had become blocked which leaked when flushed; blockage had been cleared by Drainbusters.</p> <p>d The Chair added that leakages caused ponding of water on the floor increasing the risk of slips and the hazard needs to be addressed. He had investigated options and it seemed possible to use existing drains from the handwash units which ran under the floor to the main outfall drain under the storeroom. It was RESOLVED to install a drain outfall with a grating cover to drain water from the floor and purchase signs warning of slip hazards. Action: Cllr Heap. Cllr Heap said that a programme of replacing old manhole lids was required.</p> <p>e Update on Signage – Pendle Lay-By Waste, Resident Parking & Playground Restrictions All signs collected and are in Barley. LCC have agreed to deliver posts to Barley in April for the three waste signs - 2 to Pendle Hill and 1 to Village Green. Action: Cllr Heap. Two signs to be erected on playground. Action: Cllr Goldsbrough & Harthan. The additional Resident Parking sign to village centre near Becksides has been erected.</p> <p>f Update on Pendle BC to undertake maintenance work to the playground carpet. PBC have confirmed they are available to undertake this work in April. Action: Cllr Heap.</p> <p>g Installing a gate within the car park shelter to form a small secure storage area update Quote has been requested for a wooden gate. Action: Cllr Heap</p> <p>h Developments regarding Pride in Place Impact Fund – Turning Area Grant – Cllr Heap. At the last meeting, the Chair reported that Parish Councils had been invited to submit bids for a grant from the £1.5m of government funding awarded to PBC to revitalise high streets and public spaces. The Chair had applied for £8k towards improving drainage of the Turning Area with 50% of funding provided by Barley PC. A grant of £10k has been recommended (50% funding by PC) by the Council lead officers based on their assessment of the works, which include 10SqM setts relaying, plus some tarmac patching. All grants awarded are now subject to an online survey and consideration by the PBC Executive. The grant awarded should be confirmed, or otherwise, in April.</p>
8	<p>Traffic Issues, Turning Area, Car Park & Planned Events</p> <p>Update on Cross Lane Parking Enforcement above Village Hall</p> <p>Parking enforcement road lines were installed by Lancs CC on 18 February. The Chair commented that in 2021 the PC initiated a plan to introduce parking control measures in and</p>

	<p>around Barley to reduce congestion, improve safety, make the village more attractive, and make a better environment for residents and visitors.</p> <p>Since then, we have persuaded LCC to install parking restrictions in the village centre, introduce passing places on access roads and resident parking in the village centre, and the PC has introduced parking control on the Turning Area. The chair thought this was the end of a successful traffic management campaign.</p> <p>Pendle Way in a Day – 7 February Feedback – No issues reported by members. Stan Bradshaw Fell Race – 7 March Feedback - No issues reported by members.</p> <p>Events – Pendle Fell Race 28 March Clayton Harriers – Liaise with Organisers. Action: Clerk. Rossendale & Pendle Mountain Rescue Fell Race, Dark Dash – Evening of 25 March.</p> <p>Members RESOLVED to donate £50 towards the local Mountain Rescue team. Action: RFO.</p>
9	Reports from Chairman
A	<p>Resident Parking Briefing to post on website – Outstanding Action: Cllr Grimshaw This is now on the website. The website now offers a section titled "Parking and Other Information" providing information regarding parking arrangements relating to the Car Park, the Turning Area and Resident Parking. A copy of the car park winter maintenance is also included.</p>
B	<p>Update on Playground Inspection Reports – Outstanding Action: Cllr Harthan Reports are now up to date and stored on the PC computer.</p>
C	<p>Update on Local Government Reorganisation in Lancashire Members discussed the 5 options being considered by Government for new unitary Councils. Members felt the 3 Unitary Model would provide the best representation for the area bringing together Burnley, Blackburn with Darwen, Hyndburn, Rossendale and Ribble Valley.</p>
D	<p>Update on new TV for Village Hall The Chair confirmed that the PC had funded the purchase of a Samsung 65" TV plus wall installation brackets. The VHC will arrange for installation in the Patio Room. A letter of gratitude from the VHC had been circulated to members.</p>
E	<p>Coach Parking – the Chair had circulated an e-mail reaffirming coach parking arrangement.</p>
10	<p>Members to review and update (if necessary) the Parish Council's Risk Assessment. Members discussed the content and RESOLVED to adopt the Risk Assessment. The Chair proposed a site-specific risk assessment be developed for the toilet. Action: Cllr Heap</p>
11	<p>Members to review and update (if necessary) the Parish Council's Asset Register. Members discussed the content and RESOLVED to adopt the Risk Assessment.</p>
12	<p>Members to review and update (if necessary) the Parish Council's Standing Orders.</p> <p>A review was undertaken by the Clerk who advised that two amendments had been issued by NALC to their model SO's since last year's Council review and they related to the code of conduct and procurement plus other minor amendments. These had been incorporated.</p> <p>Members discussed the content and RESOLVED to adopt the Standing Orders for 2026/27.</p>

13	<p>Members to consider the engagement of a person to undertake general maintenance. At the February meeting members had RESOLVED to withdraw from the Lengthsman scheme since all support funding had been withdrawn by LCC and others. Other Council's had come to the same view and so the scheme was closing on 31 March 2026. Members had also agreed to continue to employ the Lengthsman, J. Maunder, but he has found alternative employment. The chairman proposed the following options for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Recruiting one of the two other Lengthsmen from the Sabden Lengthsman Scheme, II. Engaging with a gardener from Roughlee to undertake some of the key duties including grass cutting, pruning, maintain beds and borders, clearing drains. III. Advertising to recruit a Lengthsman. <p>The key issues were skills, experience, having transport and equipment and being self-employed with public liability insurances. Members resolved to initially explore Option 2. Action: Cllr Heap.</p> <p>Members RESOLVED that the Clerk should continue maintenance of the playground. She should also keep the toilet block area and car park tidy and undertake some litter picking until things were clearer with the appointment of a Lengthsman.</p> <p>Cllr Harthan proposed more money was spent on employing people to keep the village tidy including litter picking. Cllr Heap thought it was reasonable to rely on some civic pride as a few residents willingly kept areas tidy and if they found somebody else was doing it they may well stop and support could be lost. That said, he reported the PC could call on more hours from a Lengthsman when required. It was mentioned Roughlee and Newchurch rely on volunteers.</p>
14	<p>CCTV Events & Maintenance Update - Designated Councillors Grimshaw & Goldsbrough Mr John Seymour had offered a new screen for the toilet CCTV unit, and this would replace the broken screen. Action: Cllr Grimshaw.</p>
15	<p>Clerk & Financial Officers Report Reports presented upon Accounts, Financial Matters & Correspondence. The current bank balance was £67,986.55 and after setting aside commitments and reserves, the monies available for the Council to spend is £23.5k.</p> <p>Members considered the effectiveness of the Internal Audit and agreed to follow the scope of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return and review risk assessments and the asset register. It was RESOLVED to appoint Mrs. S. Taylor again as the internal auditor for 2025-26 satisfied she was independent, competent and had worked to a high standard for the Council previously.</p>
16	<p>General Maintenance Issues</p> <p>First thoughts on village maintenance with the BKV competition suspended for 2026. Members discussed the situation and agreed that the Council should continue to undertake maintenance as if the competition was ongoing. Members would take on responsibilities as previous years and volunteers would be encouraged to help. A general budget of £2k was agreed and purchases would be approved by the Chair, Deputy Chair and RFO as in previous years. List of areas of responsibility to be agreed at next meeting.</p> <p>Carriageway Patching Barley Green - Cllr Heap informed that he was encouraging United Utilities to undertake patching work on Barley Green and Ogden Reservoir Access Road. This would be part of a patching programme prior to major works on Ogden Reservoirs by UU.</p>
17	<p>Reports from Councillors & Borough Councillor Reports - None</p>
18	<p>Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 8th April'26 (agenda items by 2nd April '26)</p>