

Report of the Clerk

- 1. River Wall Collapse:** A section of river wall abutting the bridge on Colne road has collapsed through the river undermining the footings. The Clerk has spoken to a Borough Engineer and because the river is classed as a main waterway all remedial works need to be approved by the Environmental Agency. He has inspected the damage and will liaise with the Environmental Agency on our behalf. The Parish Council will be liable to the costs of these works.
- 2. Local Plan Part 2 Consultation:** A six week public consultation to consider the first draft of the Pendle Local Plan Part 2 the consultation runs from 9am on Friday 12 February to 5pm on Friday 26 March 2021. Comments submitted after the close of the consultation may not be accepted. The following is copied from the relevant Pendle website page:

Local plan part 2: site allocations and development policies

What is the Site Allocations and Development Policies Development Plan Document?

It is a document that helps us deliver the right type of development, in the right place and at the right time. It:

- allocates land for specific types of development (e.g. housing or employment land)
- identifies areas of land where development will be resisted (e.g. Green Belt, open countryside) or required to meet higher design standards (e.g. conservation areas).
- include detailed planning policies which:
 - provide applicants and developers with information about the design features we expect to see in new development
 - give planning officers the information they need to help them to decide whether to approve, or refuse, applications for planning permission

The consultation includes changes to the Settlement Boundaries within the Borough and Over 300 sites have been assessed to inform the selection of sites we propose to allocate for future development in the Local Plan Part 2. Further information can be found at www.pendle.gov.uk/siteallocations

This item will be added to the March Meeting as an agenda item but please look at these documents online and contact the Clerk if you have any specific concerns that the Council needs to respond to.

- 3. Year End 2020-21:** All the relevant documentation that needs approving before the year end will appear on the March Agenda for approval.

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4. **Shop Re-opening Promotion:** A request for funding was verbally raised under the budget at last month's meeting and the consensus was that a formal request with costings should be submitted for consideration. No formal request has yet been received and the item was not included on the agenda but will be when the necessary documentation is received.
5. **Precepts for 2021-22:** An email was circulated around members regarding the level of increase approved by Barrowford being the highest in Pendle according to a report at the Policy and Resources meeting last Thursday. This report only contained Precept requests received prior to the 5th February 2021 and did not include one third of Parish and Town Councils. The use of a single year's figures is often misleading if the Council has specific projects to be funded. The use of precept levels over several successive years gives a better indication of the trend of increases over a longer period. The Clerk using figures available on the Pendle Borough Council's website has produced the precept levels since the 2017-18 for the largest Parish & Town Councils with a precept of over £75,000 within Pendle.

(document attached)