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Road Side Benches:

Pendle Borough Council will transfer 18 roadside benches to the Parish Council as of the 1st October 2015 (appendix 1). These benches are of various designs a brief condition inspection was carried out by the Councils Handymen and it was found that there are four different designs with the oldest being designated Packham design. These are the ones that are showing the worst ravages of time, but this may be partly due to the painting of the hardwood components. The paint surface cracks due to expansion and contraction of the timbers which allows water ingress under the painted layer and retaining the moisture even in prolonged dry periods causing wet-rot and reducing the life of the wood.

The handymen have picked up the bench from the bottom of Halstead Lane which was removed whilst construction work at Booths took place and are refurbishing it prior to reinstatement. The Parish Council has £400.00 in this year's budget and this will be used for the work. This first bench is a Packham type and the renovation will give the Council some idea of the expected work and expense involved in refurbishing each bench.

The list from Pendle shows 18 benches but the handy men identified that two were missing; the Clerk suggests that these are not replaced and that the worst affected benches are removed over the winter taken to the hut and refurbished. The refurbished benches can be reinstated as soon as the work has been completed.

All the benches are repairable and it would be prudent to allocate a figure in the budget for the major refurbishment of a number of benches and small annual works to keep the benches up to scratch.

Handyman's Initial Condition Report:

1. **Newbridge Barrowford:** No Adjacent to bus shelter, opposite Sandy Lane seat type Packham. ***Timber shows signs of distress needs urgent stripping assessing replacement and repainting.***
2. **Gisburn Road Barrowford:** Outside Learning Disability Service, opposite junction with Romney Avenue seat type Packham. ***Timber in fair condition needs refurbishing.***
3. **Gisburn Road Barrowford:** Opposite Wilton St, outside Holmefield House seat type Ridgeback. ***Timber in fair condition urgently needs refurbishing.***
4. **Gisburn Road Barrowford:** Between Higher Causeway and Rushton Street seat type Serpent 2 benches.
 - 1) Highercauseway end: New bench.
 - 2) Opposite Bargain Booze: ***Needs work next year***
5. **Gisburn Road Barrowford:** Adjacent bus shelter/garden area, outside Bannisters Bakery type Packham 2 benches. ***One needs new back board and r/h armrest stripping and finishing. The other needs one new seat timber and l/h armrest, stripping and finishing.***
6. **Gisburn Road Barrowford:** At junction with Halstead Lane seat type Ridgeback: ***Being Refurbished.***

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7. **Colne Road Barrowford:** No At junction with Gisburn Road seat type cast iron with wood laths, ***Missing***
8. **Gisburn Road Higherford:** At junction with Barnoldswick Road Wooden seat In bus shelter. ***Serviceable Condition could do with a more substantial replacement in the future.***
9. **Gisburn Road Higherford:** On grassed verge at junction with Middleton Drive seat type Ridgeback. ***Backboard and at least one seat rail need replacing stripping and repainting.***
10. **Barnoldswick Road Higherford:** 1 of 1 Serpent No At rear of footway. ***Next to bus shelter at Dickie Nook will need painting next year.***
11. **Greenfield Road Barrowford:** In corner of car park fixed to walled area seat type wooden seating built between existing walls. ***Needs sanding and painting next year.***
12. **Pasture Lane Barrowford:** On grassed area, outside Pippins Cattery seat type Metal with wood laths. ***Missing***
13. **Lee Street Barrowford:** On footway next to grassed area, between No. 27 and substation seat type Cast iron with wood laths. ***Good condition.***
14. **Wheatley Lane Road Barrowford:** At junction with Warren Drive 1 seat type metal with wood laths. ***Good condition.***
15. **Wheatley Lane Road Barrowford:** Opposite Carr Hall seat type metal with wood laths. ***Missing***
16. **Parrock Road Barrowford:** On grassed area overlooking bypass seat type Packham. ***Good condition.***

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Dear Clerk,

Roadside Seats

I refer to our previous correspondence and discussions about this.

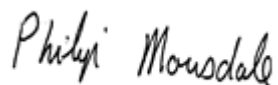
As agreed all roadside seats currently owned by Pendle Council and within your Parish will pass into the ownership of your Council on 1st October this year.

As a result responsibility for maintenance of the seats will also pass to your Council on that date.

Could you please confirm that your Council formally acknowledges the above by having a copy of this letter countersigned to that effect and return it to me.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,



Philip Mousdale

Corporate Director