

Agenda Item 12

Fencing to rear of the Fleece Toilets:

The Clerk contacted Legal Services at Pendle regarding the ownership of the wall and railings. One of their legal team responded that having contacted Lancashire CC their opinion is that as the toilets and wall match in construction and were built at the same time the wall is ours. This is factually incorrect as the wall was built in the 1930's and the current toilets block in the late 1980's. As the original deed documents were significantly water damaged in the 1967 flood Pendle can help no further.

The Clerk will contact LCC for clarification of the ownership as having responsibility for the retaining wall for the highway could have significant financial implications to the Parish Council in future years. The Clerk recommends that until this matter is clarified the ownership of the railing has not been conclusively proved the Council is not in a position to approve the work.

Fingerpost:

LCC has ownership of the fingerpost on the wall at the junction of Church Street and Gisburn Road. Mr. Armstrong has recommenced restoration work on the pole and it is expected that the painting will be finished shortly. Mr Armstrong called in to the Clerk on Monday the 12th August and asked if the Council could help with the installation of the directional fingers and the gas canopy. The Clerk has arranged to borrow some tower scaffolding and assist Mr Armstrong when necessary. The Clerk has contacted the electrician to look at wiring the gas canopy with LED lighting.