

Agenda Item 6

Festive Decorations 2021/22:

The Clerk has arranged a meeting with LITE to discuss modifications to our current contract for installation, testing and storage of the Council's festive decorations. This is to amend the contract with regards to removing installation costs for the trees at Dickie Nook and Carr Hall and the icicle lighting at the Fountains.

The Clerk will be requesting a structural condition appraisal of the existing lighting column decs as some are twenty years old. The lighting sets on the decs are checked annually and replaced as needed along with the annual PAT testing. The Council included additional funding in this year's budget for replacement of some column decs and the introduction of some additional columns within the centre of the village extending to just past Halstead Lane.

It was hoped that some of this expansion could be done using the Barrowford Town Centre, the Re-opening the High Streets Safely Fund (RHSSF) and the Welcome Back Fund but the procurement rules applied to this funding mean that any proposed expenditure above £2499 excluding vat to a single supplier will require three quotes, this applies to the whole of Pendle's allocation not the individual Area Committee's allocations. Any provision through this fund would become the responsibility of the Parish Council for ongoing costs so ideally the Council would prefer the same supplier as currently used.

Irrespective of the outcomes from the Re-opening Fund the Council should consider additional columns within the centre of Barrowford and beyond to Halstead Lane. The Clerk will obtain costs for additional columns hopefully before the meeting but the price will be dependant on the type of lighting required. The installation and supply of the equipment to take a supply from the lighting column is approximately £350 +vat.

The Clerk will give a further update at the meeting.