



# Garstang Town Council

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## Full Council Meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 Minutes

Minutes of the virtual Town Council meeting, held on 21 June 2021, 7.30pm.

### **Present**

Chairman: Councillor Allan

Councillors present: Allan, Atkinson, Brooks, Halford, Hynes, Leech, Mitchell, Pearson and Webster

Also present: Town Clerk Edwina Parry, Wyre Councillors Dulcie Atkins and Alice Collinson, County Councillor Shaun Turner and 1 member of the public.

The Chairman and Mayor, Councillor Allan, welcomed everyone to the meeting; the first Face-to Face meeting since March 2020 and his first meeting as Chairman.

### **008(2021-22) Apologies for absence**

Councillor Salisbury

Wyre Councillor Robert Atkins

### **009(2021-22) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations**

023(2021-22), Councillor Halford declared an 'other interest'. He is Chairman of the Garstang Millennium Green Trust.

### **010(2021-22) Public participation**

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.

A member of the public, who lived on Moss Lane, spoke about the traffic issues along Moss Lane. The main issue being the HGV's that make deliveries to Aldi and the condition of the highway, which had several potholes.

County Councillor Turner reported that Moss Lane (from the junction with the A6 to the canal bridge) was scheduled to be resurfaced. He would advise the Clerk of when the works would be scheduled. Wyre Councillor Dulcie Atkins reported that she was check what the planning conditions stated, regarding deliveries to Aldi and Sainsburys, at Wyre Council.

Wyre Councillor Alice Collinson was congratulated on her new position as the Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy and Economic Development.

The meeting was reconvened.

**011(2021-22) Moss Lane (the Chairman brought this item forward)**

The Town Council was thanked, by the member of the public, for their assistance in assisting him with his concerns. The Town Council were pleased to hear that Moss Lane would be resurfaced.

**012(2021-22) Minutes of the last meeting**

A copy of the following minutes had been circulated:

- a) The Full Council meeting held on 4 May 2021.
- b) The Annual Town Council meeting held on 4 May 2021.

**Resolved:** The minutes of the following meetings:

- a) The Full Council meeting held on 4 May 2021.
  - b) The Annual Town Council meeting held on 4 May 2021
- were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**Standing item: Delegated decisions**

Delegated decisions taken since the last Council meeting on 4 May 2021, requiring a resolution minute number:

**013(2021-22) Armed Forces Day, Saturday 26 June 2021**

Resolved: The Town Council approved, on 20/05/2021, the Civic Event of Armed Forces Day service at 11.00am, Thursday 24 June, at Kepple Lane Park

**014(2021-22) Resignation Councillor Dyer**

Resolved: The Council noted Councillor Dyer's resignation on 26/05/2021.

**015(2021-22) Great British Spring Clean**

Resolved: The Town Council approved, on 26/05/2021, that Garstang Town Council joins the Great British Spring Clean and that the lead is taken by Councillors Pearson and Webster.

**016(2021-22) Kepple Lane Park**

Minor Development and Repair (Dr): Spend Up to £3000.

Resolved: The Mayor approved part payment of £2,058.80, alongside Wyre council's contribution of £1,000, to replace the bearings on the Carousel swing at Kepple Lane Park (total cost £3,058.80).

**017(2021-22) Planters at Park Hill Road and Church Street mini roundabout**

Minute 242(2020-21), 15 February 202, MTWG Reopening High Streets Safely Fund (RHSSF)

In order to facilitate the payment of the Planter project a PO, from Wyre Council, was raised with payment to Garstang Town Council. The work is to be completed by the contractor. When invoiced by the supplier we will raise an invoice with the PO number and attach the supplier's invoice and send to Wyre. Payment will be made to the contractor by Garstang Town Council.

**018(2021-22) Planning applications considered by Planning Committee since 4 May 2021 as per standing orders 15b xvi.**

**a) Cherestein 15 Croston Road, Garstang**

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Commenter Type: Councillor

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application  
Reasons for comment:  
Comments: No objections

**b) 79 Church Street, Garstang**

External alterations to existing dwelling, widening of existing domestic access and creation of a dropped kerb.

Commenter Type: Councillor

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: No objections

**c) 82 Lancaster Road, Garstang**

One and a half storey front, rear and side extension (resubmission of 20/00764/FUL).

Commenter Type: Councillor

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: No objections

**d) The Croft 9 Lancaster Road, Garstang**

Erection of a one and a half storey ancillary annex (following demolition of existing garage)

Councillor

Customer objects to the Planning Application

The Town Council have 2 material considerations:

1. Concern about overlooking/loss of privacy for the property to the south.
2. Layout and density of building - The proposal is self-contained (has bathroom and kitchen) and therefore is not ancillary or an annex to the main building but in fact separate. It should either have to share a bathroom or kitchen with the primary dwelling to prove it's ancillary status.

**019(2021-22) Responses from Councillors on Teams notifications, Councillor Allan**

Councillor Allan reported:

As a Council we have resolved to use Teams for communication and feedback. When you receive a Teams Notification please respond to the Clerk, it only takes a few seconds and will make the Clerk's job easier. By responding you are letting the Clerk know that you have seen the message.

**020(2021-22) Standing item: Neighbourhood Plan, Councillor Brooks.**

No report received from Councillor Brooks. Councillor Allan reminded Councillor Brooks that there was a requirement for monthly updates. Councillor Leech reported that the Neighbourhood Plan needed to be done.

The Council noted the update from the Clerk

On 29/04/2021, the Clerk informed Councillor Brooks of a funding update from SLCC. The latest round of Government funding for groups, including town and parish councils, preparing neighbourhood plans in England opened this month.

In addition to that normally offered (including the £10,000 basic grant all groups eligible for preparing a neighbourhood plan are eligible for), it includes some new elements of support. These new elements include a new site viability package; extended and expanded support for affordable housing and time-limited support for groups wanting to bring forward schemes that will foster high street regeneration or provide useful social infrastructure

**021(2021-22) Report from MTWG, Councillors Allan and Atkinson**

**Resolved:** The Council approved

- a) That the assets; 3 digital sign boards, PA and announcement systems and 2 Gazebos, in principle, should become formal assets of the Town Council, as it is Garstang Town Council who is best placed to make them available to the community.
- b) The council approved delegated authority to the Clerk, in consultation with Councillors Allan and Atkinson to spend up to £200 + VAT (from budget code 4841 MTWG projects/admin) on any supporting equipment required so the assets can be used.
- c) That the Council delegates authority to the Clerk in consultation with Councillor Allan and Atkinson, to draft a policy to support and set out the operational management of the assets.
- d) The Council noted that the Strategy Team has been replaced by the Greater Garstang Partnership Board (GGPB).

**022(2021-22) Planning Applications**

Councillors considered the following and responded with their comments:

- a) **Application Number: 21/00703/LAWP**  
Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Development for proposed conversion of existing garage with internal and external alterations  
Location: 1 Fell View Close Garstang  
**Resolved:** Noted, no action required
- b) **Application 16/00550/DIS3** | Approval of details reserved by conditions 04 (drainage) and 05 (drainage management) on planning permission 16/00550/FULMAJ | Garstang Business and Community Centre 96 High Street Garstang  
**Resolved:** No comment
- c) **Application 20/00958/DIS1**  
Location: Applegarth, High Street Garstang  
  
Approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Landscape and Habitat Creation and Management Scheme), 5 (Desk Study), 6 (Drainage Scheme) 7 (Tree Protection Plan), 8 (Landscaping), 10 (Materials), 11 (Mortar), 12 (Windows and Doors Details), 14 (Electric vehicle charge point), 15 (Levels) on planning permission 20/00958/FUL

**Resolved:** No comment

The Council noted the advice from Head of Planning at Wyre Council regarding the above applications.

There is no statutory duty to consult the PC or otherwise publicize any application for the discharge of conditions as the purpose is to look at the suitability of specific technical details (whether its highway works, drainage, noise attenuation, landscaping etc.) and the expectation is that those technical details are assessed by a relevant professional. Nonetheless, if the PC did make a representation we would consider it (even though there is no statutory duty to) although I should advise that it would be likely to be given little weight (particularly relative to the response from the technical 'expert'.

Likewise, there is no statutory requirement to consult with anyone or publicize an application for a certificate of Lawfulness because the application can only be considered against planning law. Such applications are not considered or weighed up against planning policy. Where the application seeks to confirm the lawfulness of an existing use we may publicize the application and may consult the PC but only for the purpose of potentially receiving information which may confirm or cast doubt on the lawfulness claim being made in respect of such use or development. We would not publicize or consult on an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed use as such applications can only be considered against the relevant law and regulations.

**023(2021-22) 'Police Our Lancashire Survey', Councillor Halford**

The March Agenda Item 'Police Our Lancashire Survey', the Council deferred a decision until the Millennium Green Trust had reviewed the proposal concerning the Police and the offer of poo bags along with the Council investigating the purchase of the dog bag dispenser.

Councillor Halford reported that the Trust thought, although not installed on the Millennium Green, that the placing of a dog bag dispenser close to the High Street carpark could be of an advantage. Close to the carpark to allow ease of access to replenish. Also, more visibility to reduce misuse and finally also would supports the river walk both north and south of the carpark. This would require agreement with Wyre Borough Council for installation if the Council proceeds with the purchase of a dog bag dispenser.

**Resolved:** The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with Wyre Council as to whether a dog bag dispenser could be installed by the car park. Wyre Council's response and associated costs for a dispenser to be brought back to July's meeting.

**024(2021-22) Finance Committee, 27 April 2021 – minutes & recommendations for approval**

A copy of the above minutes of the Finance Committee, had been circulated to all Council members.

**Resolved:**

- a) The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 27 April 2021 were confirmed and signed as a true record by the Finance Committee.

- b) Full Council approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows:
- i) The Christmas lights Receipts and payments monies be placed in an EMR. The balance at 31 March 2021 is £13,548.29
  - ii) The Emergency Plan £400 grant monies be placed in an EMR.
  - iii) The surplus monies, at 31 March 2021 is £9,538.62. That these monies be transferred into the 325 EMR Reserve Contingency.
  - iv) The top up for Precept (as per budget) is £659.00.
  - v) That Councillor Atkinson replaces outgoing Councillor Ryder as a signatory on the Royal Bank of Scotland account (cashbook 3).

**025(2021-22) Wyre Council - Climate Change Update**

Councillors considered the documentation received from Wyre Council namely the Carbon Footprint report, the Local Resident's Climate Change Survey and information about parish/town council funding to run a 'Greening Campaign' within their community. The Council noted that dual hatted Wyre and Town Councillor Leech was a member of the Climate Change Policy Group (CCPG).

**Resolved:** The Clerk to inform Wyre Council that the council are interested in the funding to run a 'Greening Campaign' within their community and that Councillor Sharna Mitchell would be the lead Councillor for the Climate Change project.

**026(2021-22) Focus Magazine (The Green Book)**

**Resolved:** The Council did not appoint another Councillor, to replace retired Councillor Ryder, on the Focus magazine team. The team is Councillors Allan, Mitchell and Webster.

**027(2021-22) 2 Council vacancies**

The Council noted that Wyre Council had informed the Town Council that no request had been received for an election to fill the 2 council vacancies. The town council was required to co-opt 2 people to fill the vacancies as soon as practicable.

**Resolved:** The Council approved the following timescale. The Council **further resolved** that they saw sight of the advertisement before publication, so that they could make comment.

Date	Action
22/06/2021 up to Friday 16/7/2020	Advertise vacancies; Focus magazine, Town Hall window, website, GTC Facebook, shared with Your Garstang detailing interview date of Monday 26 July 2021.
Friday 16/7/2021	17.00 deadline for applications
Wednesday 21/7/2021	Publish agenda for extraordinary virtual meeting to be held on Mon 26/7/2021 to consider Councillor vacancies.
Monday 26/7/2021	Face to Face meeting 19.30

**028(2021-22) Christmas lights**

Councillors noted the report from Councillor Webster and Mr Harter.

**Resolved:**

- a) That the Town Council representative, currently Councillor Webster, becomes a member of the 'to be formed' Christmas Lights charitable trust.
- b) Further clarity and information was sought before the Town Council could consider agreeing to a shortfall contingency of up to £2,000. Councillor Webster was asked to seek what (if there was any) shortfall would be met by the Chamber of Trade and Councillor Halford was asked what (if there was any) shortfall would be met by the Town Trust. The information to be brought back to July's meeting for consideration.

**029(2021-22) Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022, Councillors Allan and Brooks**

Two separate agenda items were received for this item from Councillor Allan and Brooks.

The Council noted that the Proclamation & The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon would take place on 2nd June 2022. The Town Crier will give a cry at 1pm and local community/councils are encouraged to light a Beacon at 9.19pm in celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

**Resolved:** The Council accepted Councillor Allan's recommendation and agreed that Councillor Leech be appointed to lead a team drawn from Council and Community groups to develop and implement Platinum Jubilee Celebrations to take place in May and June 2022.

**030(2021-22) Community Emergency Planning, Councillor Allan**

**Resolved:** The Council agreed that this item be deferred until 2 new Councillors were appointed onto the Council (Footnote from the Clerk – September's meeting).

**031(2021-22) Heraldic Banners for High Street, Councillor Allan**

Councillor Allan reported in the early 2000s the High Street had approx. 20 Heraldic banners flown from many of the buildings, which made a huge difference to the welcome to the town. I have asked the Garstang and District Heritage Society to research into the origins of the banners. There are a few of the original banners still in existence.

**Resolved:** The Council agreed that the project should proceed with a budget of £1,000 from the Market Town Working Group EMR 345.

**032(2021-22) Community Orchard, Councillor Atkinson**

Councillor Atkinson reported that he had been in a positive dialogue with Officers from Wyre Council on how the Council could create a Community Orchard on the piece of land by the A6 bridge/off Hereford Avenue. There is scope for an orchard to be planted with approximately 40 apple trees in 2021/22.

**Resolved:** That the Council confirms they wish to support and collaborate with Wyre Council on this project and that the Council supports the initial proposals in principle.

The Council welcomed the positive engagement from Wyre Council on this project and looks forward to contributing further to Wyre Councils climate change goals, specifically Wyre Councils commitment to the planting of 25,000

trees including the creation of new areas of woodland within Wyre over the next five years.

**033(2021-22) Garstang Town Council Constitution: Composition of The Council, Councillor Brooks**

Councillors considered Councillor Brooks' proposal that the number of Councillors to be elected at the election in May 2023 be reduced from 12 to 7, and that the office of Mayor be abolished.

**Resolved:** The Council did not accept Councillor Brooks' proposal that the number of Councillors to be elected at the election in May 2023 be reduced from 12 to 7, and that the office of Mayor be abolished.

**034(2021-22) Pre - Council Meeting Informal Briefings, Councillor Brooks**

Councillors considered Councillor Brooks' proposal that should a councillor wish to discuss with the Mayor and other councillors a proposal that he or she wishes to bring before the full council which might have implications that are controversial or confidential, the Mayor and the Clerk make suitable arrangements.

**Resolved:** The Council did not accept Councillor Brooks' proposal that Pre - Council Meeting Informal Briefings should take place to discuss controversial or confidential proposals. These discussions currently happen as part of the normal project teamwork.

**035(2021-22) To call a meeting inviting chairmen of neighbouring parish councils, district councillors and county councillors covering those parishes, Councillor Brooks**

Councillors considered Councillor Brooks' proposal that meetings should be held between chairmen of neighbouring parish councils, district councillors and county councillors covering those parishes to consider queries that might arise from residents.

**Resolved:** The Council did not accept Councillor Brooks' proposal meetings should be held between chairmen of neighbouring parish councils, district councillors and county councillors covering those parishes to consider queries that might arise from residents.

**036(2021-22) Finance payments**

Councillors approved the following payments:

Royal Bank of Scotland Bank account – cashbook 3

Reference	Description	Amount
BACS00345 & BACS00346	Payroll (figures provided by Towers + Gornall) To be paid electronically on 26/06/2021, Clerk: LC2 range SCP 19-32), 'National Agreement on Salaries and Conditions of service of Local Council Clerks in England & Wales 2004'. Lengthsman: scale point SCP 1-4	£2,851.85
Direct Debit 19/06/2021	LCC Pension	£940.13



Reference	Description	Amount
BACS00347	Mrs E Parry – Clerk’s expenses, monthly reimbursement for Zoom account (07/06/2021 – 06/07/2021) Microsoft Teams 27/04/2021 - 26/05/2021	£14.39 £59.28
BACS00348	C& C Supplies – Lengthsman spade & gloves	£35.88
BACS00349	Mr Rossall (Lengthsman) clothing reimbursement	£51.08
BACS00350	S Carr & Son – engraving Mayoral chains	£120.00
BACS00351	Newton Newton Flags & Banner Makers Ltd (Incl VAT) Minute ref 19/04/2021 309(2020-21) budget code 4705 Amenities.	£116.40
BACS00352	Spindrift Ltd – repair to weed sprayer	£18.20
BACS00353	Workwear Express Ltd – Lengthsman uniform	£168.83
BACS00354	Councillor Alec Allan Mayor allowance – approved budget 2021-22 code 4500 Mayor allowance	£518.69
BACS00355	Parish & Town Training Lancashire– for Councillor Leech to attend virtual Effective Meetings Workshop 10/06/2021 (approved as per minute 252(2020-21; 15 February 2021)	£25.00
BACS00356	Mr C Meadows, Planters see item 9 Delegate payment to RFO, Mayor & Deputy Chair Finance Committee, Councillor Pearson. Currently estimate on file, awaiting final invoice	£2,360.00
BACS00357	Garstang St Thomas’ PCC Parish Hall hire 21/06/2021	£30.00
Direct Debit 08/06/2021	Vodafone – mobile phone 28/05/2021 to 28/06/2021	£11.15
Direct Debit 01/06/2021	Three.co.uk - Office internet	£8.11
BACS 00344	Councillors noted that on 28/04/2021 payment was made to RJ Hodgson mulch approval in accordance with TC resolution 57(2020-21) Kepple Lane Park Review	£300.00

Councillors noted the following receipts:

Reference	Description	Amount
Cashbook 2 07/06/2021	Wyre Council Reopening High Streets Safely Fund (RHSSF) – see item 9	£2,360.00
Cashbook 3 11/06/2021	Plot 3 allotment rent	£ 42.00
Cashbook 3	Plot 1 allotment rent	£ 42.00

Reference	Description	Amount
14/06/2021		

**037(2021-22) Statement of Accounts at 31 May 2021**

Councillors noted the Statement of Accounts at 31 May 2021

Cashbook1	HSBC Current account	£740.23
Cashbook 2	HSBC Reserve account	£50,709.97
Cashbook 3	Royal Bank of Scotland	£59,602.95
Cashbook 4	HSBC Christmas Lights account	£13,668.83
Money Market Account	3 month	£30,616.70

Councillors noted as per minute 286(2020-21), 15/03/2021 the Money Market 3 month Bond was re-invested 26/05/2021.

**038(2021-22) Items for Next Agenda**

Councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda and 'Report of other representatives and projects', for the meeting of the Town Council **on 19 July 2021 by notifying the Clerk by 9 July 2021**. The item should specify the business which it is proposed to transact in such a way that the member who receives it can identify the matters which he will be expected to discuss i.e., it needs to specify either what the proposal is and that a decision is required or whether the item is for information only.

The Clerk has produced an agenda item template to assist Councillors collate their agenda item. The template can be found on Teams – Full Council.

**The Meeting Finished at: 9.40pm**

## For Information Only

### 039(2021-22) Clerk's Report

#### a) **Fairtrade Report received from Mr Ryder Fairtrade Foundation Youth for Fairtrade**

##### **How you can get Involved**

There are opportunities to join the Foundations Youth for Fairtrade Group to shape the way Fairtrade drives change across the movement.

##### **Help us build our future**

Fairtrade's vision is a world in which all producers can enjoy secure and sustainable livelihoods, fulfil their potential, and decide on their future.

We believe that by connecting disadvantaged producers and consumers, we can all work to promote fairer trading conditions and empower producers to combat poverty.

As a movement of producers, activists, businesses, and decision-makers, we have made great strides, over the past twenty-six years since the FAIRTRADE Mark was first placed on a product.

And we are determined to continue to strive for a world in which producers thrive.

Join us to shape the way Fairtrade drives change across the movement.

##### **What are we looking for?**

16-30 year olds to help us get creative about how we work as a campaigning movement.

##### **What is the commitment?**

This is one of the things we want you to help us define! How much is the right amount of work? The group will meet virtually, and the commitment will change according to what we are working on. At first, we will run some longer workshops around our big pieces of work. This may be up to half a day per month to begin with. We value commitment and would expect you to try to make every meeting.

##### **What do you need to know?**

You do not need to be a Fairtrade expert, but you do need to be someone who is passionate about seeing a world where people know and care where their food came from, and who is prepared to take action for the world you want to see.

##### **Sounds great! What do I need to do?**

Visit <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/Youth-for-Fairtrade/> to download the application form then send it back to Joanna Milis [Joanna.milis@fairtrade.org.uk](mailto:Joanna.milis@fairtrade.org.uk). There is no closing date, but we are keen to start working together as soon as possible.

##### **Your Local group**

However, if you prefer working in a group then why not join our small but enthusiastic team – just email us on [garstangfairtrade@gmail.com](mailto:garstangfairtrade@gmail.com)

### 040(2021-22) Project Reports

- a) **Community Hall – For information, Councillors Allan and Atkinson**  
Councillors are reminded that they have been sent a survey to complete regarding the Community Hall Project. The email with the link to the survey was sent by Councillor Atkinson on the 22nd May 2021, Councillors are asked to reply by the end of June 2021. Thank you to those who have already responded.

**b) Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021, Councillor Brooks**

The Town Council is responsible for the organisation of Remembrance Sunday. The project is led by Councillor Brooks supported by Councillor Pearson and the Clerk.

At their last meeting councillors voted by a majority to adopt the traditional format of assembly at the High Street Car Park, parade along High Street and Church Street, civic church service at the Garstang Parish Church of St Thomas, parade to the War Memorial to be joined by congregations of other churches and members of the public for an Act of Remembrance at 1100hrs precisely. Laying of wreaths to be followed by a short religious service.

Local churches, Veterans groups and the public were asked if they wished to comment. Churches were generally in favour of the traditional format, the Veterans group were supportive of a parade and service at the Memorial only and a march through the Town and no member of the public responded. The point was made strongly by churchmen that the public address system at the War Memorial must be properly used by all speakers otherwise many would be excluded from the service.

The vicar of St Thomas retired on 9th April and will be replaced following a thorough selection process. The identity of a successor is unlikely to be known for several months.

For planning purposes, we assume that a vicar will be in place by November or a deputy will be available to take the civic service and the service at the War Memorial assisted by clergy from other churches.

The Pilling Jubilee Band has been booked and the fee is awaited. Enquiries are in hand regarding the provision of a PA system.

Once details have been agreed the order of service will be prepared for printing, Traffic Orders applied for and rehearsals and briefings for leaders. Notices will be displayed by a variety of means advertising the details.

All arrangements are subject to change depending on the state of the pandemic but we will always assume that we will be able to proceed according to plan.

**041(2021-22) Outside body representatives**

**a) Wyre flood forum – Councillor Brooks**

I attended the Wyre council Flood Forum on Thursday 10th June held remotely with approximately thirty members of Flood Action Groups and officers from the Environment Agency, Lancashire County Council, Wyre Council, Natural England. The United Utilities rep was absent.

There were few incidents of flooding to report and the proceedings were mainly about repairs and catching up.

LCC Highways will be excavating on the A 586 close to Ainspool Bridge, Churchtown in July which will necessitate a night road closure.

A blockage has been identified taking surface water into the Ainspool on the south side of the main road and when cleared the hope is that problems with flooding in the village will be eased.

Again, and supported by Carl Green the chairman, I asked EA to model the Ainspool particularly as the development at Prospect Farm has just been given the go ahead.

EA confirmed that the West gate at the Flood Storage Basin will be replaced this summer so it will work as efficiently as the new East gate relaced earlier this year.

Finally, if you have time take a look at the work being done replacing the lining of a 900 ml pipe running along Manor Road and Yewlands Drive to the River. It can be seen on Green Lane East by the mini roundabout.

**042(2021-22) Town Crier's Report**

The Town Crier is willing to do the cry for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022.

**043(2021-22) Police Report – 01/05/2021**

With regard to attending Parish Council meetings on a regular basis, please accept my apologies, but that is not something that I/we can commit to now unfortunately. That is because, following a core services review (just over two years ago), resources were refocussed from Neighbourhood Policing and in to our Response function. That ensured that Lancashire now enjoys an enhanced 24/7 policing service, with Neighbourhood Policing becoming a more bespoke service focusing on crime prevention and community safety. Practically, that means that my team and I cover a larger area with fewer (but more specifically focussed) officers.

In order to manage our relationship with Parish Councils though (and across my geographic area of responsibility I have twenty town and parish councils), I do provide regular updates (and attend when my duties/operational commitments allow) to LALC.

In addition, my team and I have also been encouraging all of our community members to conduct the Lancashire Talking survey and sign up for our (free) bespoke messaging service ('In the Know'). The survey provides our communities with a 'voice' in how we prioritise our Neighbourhood Policing activity and In the Know allows us to engage directly with communities. Thousands of surveys have now been completed across all ward areas in Lancashire, which has provided teams like mine with a unique understanding of the issues that affect communities at a local level. We are now forging ahead with plans to tackle those issues and then report back to communities (via In the Know) – i.e. 'you said, we did.' In tackling the issues, we also get to collaborate with our existing partners (including LALC members), as well as in newly formed partnerships (e.g. Our Lancashire volunteer groups). In relation to your area, residents have told us that some of the top issues that they want the Police (and our partners, such as the Parish Council) to focus on are dog fouling, road safety and anti-social behaviour.

<https://www.lancashire.police.uk/lancashire-talking> is the link to learn more about Lancashire Talking. From there, there is a further link to take the survey and also sign up to In the Know. I would be really grateful if you could share this with the Councillors at your next meeting and ask them to complete the survey/sign up themselves, but also encourage residents to do the same.

Finally, in relation to future the Parish Council minutes/agendas, I am still happy for you to forward them to me for information only. I will then be able to monitor re anything that might have a policing angle.

Kind regards,  
Guy Hamlett | Sergeant 3690 | Local Policing | Garstang | Lancashire  
Constabulary

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