

**Barton under Needwood Parish Council - Receipts and Payments Monthly Summary**

2023-24

Receipts	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total	Budget	Budget Balance
Rents	900.00	387.50	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,737.50		
Interest	55.49	64.21	74.91	75.75	75.60	76.00	99.64	120.98	114.54	668.76	96.93	90.48	1,613.29		
ESBC	40,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	81,000.00		
LA Other	932.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	932.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,865.00		
Burial Ground	2,630.00	1,830.00	900.00	1,275.00	2,375.00	825.00	1,380.00	790.00	1,000.00	165.00	75.00	905.00	14,150.00	12,000	2,150
Fishpond	275.00	1,125.00	0.00	907.00	329.00	201.00	193.00	41.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	3,077.00	3,000	77
VAT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,424.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,424.89		
Car Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,107.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,107.94		
BVH Sal, Tax & NIC	979.88	936.90	1,118.91	1,099.99	1,092.65	1,084.86	941.70	1,224.25	1,152.50	800.29	1,317.19	1,227.11	12,976.23		
Other	0.00	0.00	57.90	35.00	40.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	132.91		
Grants/donations	50.00	1,463.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	479.17	639.60	8,682.76		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>46,322.87</b>	<b>5,807.60</b>	<b>2,601.72</b>	<b>3,392.74</b>	<b>3,912.25</b>	<b>58,202.19</b>	<b>2,614.35</b>	<b>8,176.23</b>	<b>2,267.04</b>	<b>1,634.05</b>	<b>1,974.29</b>	<b>2,862.19</b>	139,767.52		

Payments	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total	Budget	Budget Balance
Bank Charges	0.00	11.97	44.12	0.00	17.98	18.47	29.25	23.04	21.76	12.33	9.96	10.40	199.28		
Salaries	3,033.75	3,033.47	3,299.35	3,030.85	3,287.75	3,023.29	3,029.74	3,923.29	3,319.26	3,169.58	3,390.03	3,241.64	38,782.01		
HMRC	1,148.71	986.16	2,243.66	980.27	1,476.88	1,156.59	1,013.59	927.30	1,632.77	1,183.03	848.90	1,183.25	14,781.11		
Nest Pensions	172.11	344.22	0.00	172.44	172.42	173.70	173.26	172.49	436.09	0.00	178.84	182.98	2,178.56		
Admin	1,215.39	1,857.42	392.37	693.50	1,012.26	643.41	945.78	42.98	272.27	652.69	206.88	941.99	8,876.94		
Burial Ground	1,821.58	16.67	848.27	183.34	318.16	166.67	204.28	183.34	672.96	70.83	286.67	91.11	4,863.88	2,250.00	-2,613.88
Allotments	310.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	114.37	0.00	0.00	875.00	0.00	0.00	112.85	0.00	1,412.22	1,460.00	47.78
Fishpond	124.61	2,432.33	1,012.54	13,645.27	550.36	98.00	0.00	0.00	551.25	0.00	98.00	258.62	18,770.98	18,500.00	-270.98
Donations	0.00	25.00	0.00	570.00	0.00	0.00	63.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	658.00		
P&OS	145.60	2,159.46	3,260.66	5.33	2,235.66	0.00	17,868.19	44.64	320.00	91.98	80.00	80.00	26,291.52	33,500.00	7,208.48
Capital Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	583.33	0.00	141.92	479.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.00	1,894.42		
Maintenance	125.65	397.70	24.07	29.57	663.00	0.00	85.40	361.26	0.00	580.00	1,061.59	0.00	3,328.24		
Car Park	83.36	83.36	965.63	83.36	759.20	83.36	83.36	104.20	83.36	83.36	104.20	83.36	2,600.11		
Lengthsmen	208.40	208.40	260.50	208.40	260.50	208.40	208.40	260.50	308.40	208.40	260.50	208.40	2,809.20		
General payments	0.00	146.01	6.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.69	12.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	169.01		
Projects	0.00	1,270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,270.00		
BVH Contra	1,008.99	949.98	1,237.83	1,100.01	899.81	1,167.67	932.31	1,194.33	1,188.24	898.52	1,283.57	1,217.91	13,079.17		
VEC	189.96	603.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.90	92.50	0.00	158.33	0.00	1,071.68	1,590.00	518.32
VAT	168.67	964.12	1,065.58	2,888.30	946.13	107.60	3,720.41	292.83	280.08	58.71	297.37	189.01	10,978.81		
<b>Total Spend</b>	<b>9,756.78</b>	<b>15,490.26</b>	<b>14,660.85</b>	<b>24,173.97</b>	<b>12,714.49</b>	<b>6,989.08</b>	<b>28,836.14</b>	<b>8,436.79</b>	<b>9,190.98</b>	<b>7,009.43</b>	<b>8,377.68</b>	<b>8,378.67</b>	154,015.13		

<b>Barton under Needwood Parish Council</b>			<b>Bank Reconciliation as per statements at:</b>		<b>31-Mar-24</b>
Lloyds Current A/C			£	2,015.00	
Lloyds Deposit (Instant Access) A/C			£	74,372.32	
National Savings			£	74,494.67	
Petty Cash			£	150.00	
<b>Total Bank Balances</b>					<b>£ 151,031.99</b>
<u>Add Credits not on Statement</u>					
					<b>£0.00</b>
					<b>£ 151,031.99</b>
<u>Less unrepresented payments:-</u>					
		3488		50.00	
					<b>£50.00</b>
					<b>£ 150,981.99</b>
<b><u>Opening Balances :-</u></b>					
		<b><u>Bank Statements as at 31st March 2023</u></b>			
Lloyds Current A/C		£	2,001.00		
Lloyds Deposit A/C		£	87,522.39		
National Savings		£	73,922.73		
Petty Cash		£	150.00		
Parish Council -		<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 163,596.12</b>		
<i>Add Receipts to date</i>		£	139,807.52		
<i>Less Expenditure to date</i>		£	152,421.65		
Total Cash and Investments as at -			<b>£ 150,981.99</b>		
				<b>Difference</b>	£ 0.00
RFO, S. Rumsby					

**Barton under Needwood Parish Council -  
Scheduled Payments presented to Full Council**

04/04/2024

Payee	Description	£ Value Gross	£ VAT	£ NET	
Salaries total		4,056.70		4,056.70	HR
Nest Pension Scheme		189.33		189.33	HR
HMRC		1,172.70		1,172.70	HR
Mitmark	CCTV	96.00	16.00	80.00	P&OS
Barton Fire Brigade Social Club	Donation - help with star	50.00		50.00	Donations
Holland Sports Club	Meeting room hire 23/2/24	50.00		50.00	Admin
Kim Bedford	Council Strategy Forming	447.00		447.00	Admin
Barton Fields	Topsoil for Burial Ground	75.00	12.50	62.50	B. Ground
Mitmark	CCTV maintenance visit	600.00	100.00	500.00	P&OS
Mitmark quote	Site upgrade	600.00	100.00	500.00	P&OS
Barton Fields	Topsoil for Burial Ground	150.00	25.00	125.00	B. Ground
Marmax Products	Memorial Bench (to be reimbursed)	639.60	106.60	533.00	B. Ground
Hulls Environmental	Pest treatment	98.00		98.00	Fishpond
Barton Village Hall	Apr, May, June hall hire	687.75		687.75	Admin
				<b>8,551.98</b>	

Notifications:

**Rural Village Services Group**

New subscription charge from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 = £50

**SSE Energy**

		Old Rate	New Rate	
Fishpond pump charges	Standing Charge	per day 175p	per day 205.72p	
	Unit Rate	42.8p	34.71p	Day
		36.04p	31.04p	Night

ESBC Business Rates 1/4/24 to 1/4/25

**Burial Ground rates**

	£	339.32
less transitional relief	£	120.31
less small business rate relief	£	219.01
<b>Total</b>	£	-

**BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

**FISH POND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING Sat March 30th 2024 @ 2.30pm – On site**

**Present:** J Taylor, I Gilbey, C Alcock, L Young, S Darby, & M Jackson.

**A Chairperson** was elected: J Taylor.

**Councillors voted to Co-Opt Bailiffs** S Darby & M Jackson onto the committee.  
They both accepted.

**The T o R** was accepted by all.

**We discussed the creation of a new Island in the pond.**

All agreed that this coming August, a new Island would be put in, this is when the water level is lower.  
We have had one quotation for this work, and J Taylor will acquire two more quotations.

**Replacement NOTICE BOARD.**

We all agreed on the size and the style of the new board. It was agreed by all that Oak would be the choice of material. We have already two quotations for this, and J Taylor will get a third.

**New Royal British Legion Bench.**

After discussion, it was agreed by all where the new bench will be sited.

**Concrete Posts & Railings on the left hand side of Potters Way.**


There are FIVE posts that are damaged, they do need replacing; also one Rail needs re-attaching.  
J Taylor will obtain costings for this, so that it can be put forward for the Ward Councillors Funding.

Full Council are asked to note and accept the contents of this report.

J Taylor Chair

**Barton under Needwood Parish Council -Appointment of Officers to Committees**  
**(Chairman a member of all Committees)**

<b>Committees</b>	<b>Officers Elected 2023-2024 (Committee Chairman underlined)</b>
Finance	<u>S Naylor</u> , D Lord; L Young; J Taylor; J Brookes      Meet quarterly
Planning	<u>I Gilbey</u> ; D Lord; J Taylor; L Young      Co-option: R. Bell Meet fortnightly Mondays 5pm – Committee has delegated responsibilities to comment on applications due to time scales.
Sub Committee -Strategic Planning	1 + other Cllrs called as required when needed dependant on issue Co-option: R. Bell
Rural Services Network	All members of BPC + Co-option: R. Bell
Human Resources including Health & Safety & Emergency Planning	<u>C Walker</u> , D Lord, S Naylor, C Allcock + Clerk Meet as required Draft Policies Working Party: C. Walker; J. Brookes
Safeguarding Officer	1 (to be appointed) + Clerk
Allotments	D Lord, J Brookes, C Allcock Co-option: G Hughes - allotment secretary; Meet on site as required
Burial Ground	<u>C Walker</u> , I Gilbey, S Naylor + Clerk      Meet as required
Parks and Open Spaces: Collinson Park, Ash Tree Pocket Park, Gilmour Lane, Potters Way, St James Garden	<u>K McInerney</u> , I Gilbey, J Taylor, L Young      Meet as required Other volunteers for projects as and when needed
Fishpond Sub-Committee	<u>J Taylor</u> , I Gilbey, C Allcock, L Young      Meet as required Co-option: Simon Darby; Mark Jackson
Village Enhancement	<u>J Taylor</u> , L Young, C Walker, K McInerney      Meet as required Co-option: volunteers for special projects as and when needed.
Communications	General: <u>S Bedford</u> , C Walker, K McInerney, J Brookes, Clerk Housing Needs Survey: J Brookes, E Sharkey, R Bell Green Spaces Survey analysis: J Brookes      Meet as required
<b>Outside Bodies Representatives:</b>	
Holland Sports Club	J Taylor, I Gilbey + Clerk      Cllr attendance required once every 3 months
Quarries Liaison	E Sharkey
Barton & Dunstall Key Trust	E Sharkey
Village Hall	J Taylor, E Sharkey, S Naylor
<b>Special Responsibilities:</b>	
Speedwatch	Alison Jones to file report.
Flagpole	Co-option: G Taylor, Rev A Simpson
Cheque Signatories	6 : Clerk; E Sharkey; J Taylor; D Lord; S Naylor; C Walker
Internal Auditor	Alan Toplis Associates
Flood Risk Group	D Lord; E Sharkey
Family Festival	L Young
Walton By Pass Bridge	D Lord

Barton under Needwood Parish Council	
	<p>Clerk to the Council:  Siobhan Rumsby  Parish Council Office  Village Hall  Crowberry Lane  Barton-under-Needwood  Burton upon Trent  DE13 8AF  01283 716059  <a href="mailto:clerk@bartonunderneedwood-pc.gov.uk">clerk@bartonunderneedwood-pc.gov.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.bartonunderneedwood-pc.gov.uk">www.bartonunderneedwood-pc.gov.uk</a></p>
DRAFT- Fish Pond Committee Terms of Reference February 2024	

## Introduction

This Terms of Reference sets out the purpose of the Fish Pond Committee and how it will operate.

## Purpose of Committee

The purpose of the Committee is to manage the fish pond and its banks, fishing pegs, fish stocks, pumping station, aerator and sluice gate. Its aims are:

- To provide a well-managed recreational facility for the free use of the residents of Barton Under Needwood and Dunstall.
- By the use permits allow anglers from outside of the village to fish.

## Terms of Reference

Specific responsibilities of the Committee will be:

- To appoint and manage the Bailiffs.
- To review and update, when necessary, the Job Role of the Bailiffs and any other volunteers assisting with the management of the areas covered by the Fish Pond Committee.
- To establish, review and enforce the rules for angling.
- To budget for the operating and maintenance of these areas annually and submit this to the Parish Council each November.
- To then work within this budget and only seeking additional funds in exceptional circumstances.
- Collection and accounting for permit fees and remitting these to the Parish Clerk.
- Promoting the use of the facility particularly by young people.
- Implementing Environment Agency Fisheries Technical Officer's recommendations for pond husbandry.

## Delegated Authority

To make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council in relation to the Terms of Reference set out above, subject to where appropriate:

- Regarding financial implications, in consultation with Finance Committee and/or Parish Council.
- Maintain strong links with Open Spaces Committee and HR Committee.
- Consult with the Parish Council on matters that are deemed significant enough.

**MEETINGS:** Schedule meetings as necessary.

**MEMBERSHIP:** To be drawn from members of the Council. Non councilors may be co-opted onto the committee to contribute specialist knowledge and expertise in fishpond matters.

**QUORUM:** Three members.

**CHAIR:** The Chair of the Committee shall be decided at the first meeting of the Committee in each new financial year by a simple majority.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Meetings will be open to the public.

**WORKING PARTIES:** May be set up for specific time-limited tasks as required.

## **Fishpond Spawning Motion 2024**

**Councillor James Brookes**

**Motion: Barton Fishpond to not close for a spawning period during 2024.**

### **Background**

As far as I am aware, the Fishpond started closing for a fish spawning period in 2019. Whilst it had been suggested that this happened yearly before and it was not therefore a new thing, I cannot recall it ever happening prior to 2019 for as long as I've been in the village. In 2019, I was also told that there were no data held by the PC on the subject of Barton Fishpond closure for spawning. In other words, there was no evidence regarding pre-2019.

Since what I believe to be its imposition in 2019, the closure period has taken place between May and June. I have therefore taken time to find additional evidence; namely the dates/pictures which are publicly available on Facebook from Fish 2013 (Fishing in Safe Hands), which record their sessions on the Fishpond. These evidence that they were fishing on Barton Fishpond during what would've been the spawning period closure (if there indeed was one back then) in May – June 2018. The dates are as follow:

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

9<sup>th</sup> May 2018

16<sup>th</sup> May 2018

21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 (posted at 00.04am, presumably corresponding the evening preceding)

7<sup>th</sup> June 2018

14<sup>th</sup> June 2018

18<sup>th</sup> June 2018

23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Barton Family Festival - Teddy waterski event and fishing

4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

You will note that in all cases, there is less than 2 weeks' difference between these dates. It is not therefore conceivable that the pond could possibly have closed for 2 weeks for spawning in 2018. As such, the imposition of this closure in 2019 was surely new, which is consistent with my own recollections.

Given that Fish 2013 were fishing it with some frequency during the 2018 season, surely if the considerations of all the fish dying if you fish during a spawning period were true, then we would've expected to do a full restock of the fishpond in 2018/2019 from scratch. I have been advised that no fish have been stocked since before May



2018; this unequivocally demonstrates the lack of validity of any argument about all the fish dying.

### **Scientific Evidence**

I queried the scientific rationale for the imposition of a spawning closure in 2019 and I'm not aware there was any scientific evidence whatsoever of the validity of the proposed measure. As there was a lack of scientific evidence for the proposed measure in the first place (which I myself queried), I should not actually have the burden of proof to overturn this. Nevertheless, I have reviewed scientific evidence:

There was a study conducted in the late 1990s about a fishing closure period for spawning on canals (Hendry & Cragg-Hine, 1997). It looked at data from matches (fishing competitions) and also a Delphi study. A Delphi study is an iterative process of asking a panel of experts, with feedback shared with other experts, allowing inter-rater commenting and responses.

The findings of the study (see page 15; the Executive Summary of [https://aquadocs.org/bitstream/handle/1834/25206/81\\_EA.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y](https://aquadocs.org/bitstream/handle/1834/25206/81_EA.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y)) were that angling during a (would be) closed period was **not detrimental to fish populations and there was therefore no justification for retaining a closed period** on canals. The views of the panel of experts were, by round 4 that it was not harmful at population level (see figure 6.4, where no-one indicates greater than 3 out of 5). The experts also suggested that more important features were canal boats and water quality.

### **Barton Practice**

The Barton closure in 2019 was for 2 weeks, since then the period of time for which the pond has been closed for spawning has been increased, for potentially up to a month. This would imply one of two things; it doesn't work on a 2-week basis or they want to increase an existing very small effect. I am not aware that they have surveyed the fish population since 2018. If they haven't surveyed the population and there is also no control group without a spawning period closure, they have no evidence to gauge the effectiveness of any measure.

It is also notable that spawning occurs at different times of year for different species of fish, meaning that closing for spawning for 2 weeks or a month will not prevent people fishing when any of the fish are spawning. This raises the question of why they've chosen when they have; presumably in connection with peak carp spawning. However, despite people already fishing when some fish are spawning under the current system, presumably great swathes of the fish population are not therefore dying.

### **Other Implications**

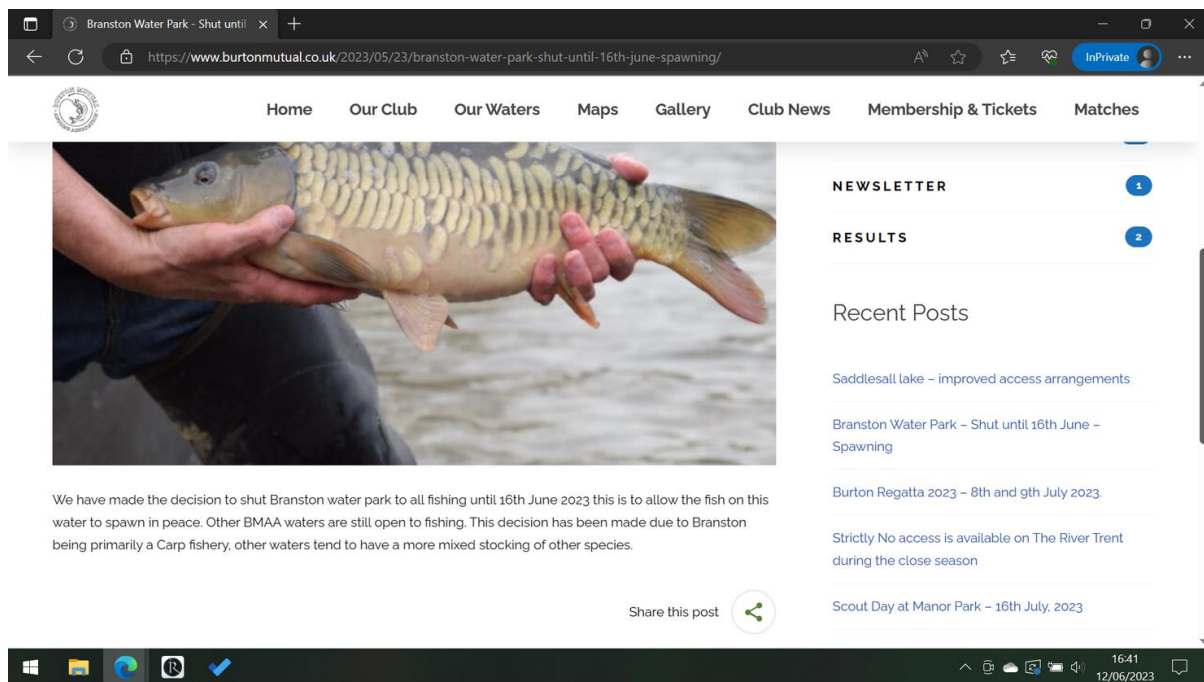
One of the implications of closing the fishpond for spawning is that it prevents fishing for all species of fish, regardless of whether or not they're spawning. This not only prevents people from fishing, but also denudes the fish of food, since people who are fishing throw in bait. During May – June, the water temperature is typically comparatively warm and the fish are active. As such, many of the fish are likely to be looking to feed, if they are not actively spawning. This is also true of fish who are pre-spawning.

If you prevent fishing, you prevent the provision of a meaningful amount of food to all fish. Moreover, fish will consume fish spawn/small fry, particularly if in a state of hunger. It is likely that Barton Fishpond has a high stocking density compared to canals, meaning this feature may be more salient compared to the Delphi study regarding canals. It is not obvious whether there has been any consideration of this, its implications and whether they are deleterious.

It is also of note that there are financial implications of the closure for spawning. The weather from May into June is often one of the best times of year. Indeed, last year's data indicate a large amount of the money from ticket sales occurred in May and then July (it was closed during June). If we are closing the pond for spawning, it means we are not generating revenue from an asset which needs upkeep and has Parishioners' money spent on it.

### **Local Practice**

I also took the opportunity to print screen the message put out by Burton Mutual Angling Association last year. Whilst they did close solely Branston Water Park for spawning, this was because it's a carp specialist water. They specifically did **not close several** other waters, as these were mixed species (i.e. more similar to Barton in this regard). Instead, **these waters remained fully open**. You can see their message below.



## Conclusion

As such, I am not aware of any scientific evidence in favour of closure for spawning. The scientific evidence in relation to canals suggests it makes no difference. Remaining open would be consistent with the practice of Burton Mutual Angling Association on mixed species venues (i.e. like Barton in this regard) last year and would return us to our own prior to 2019 position. Remaining open would also allay concerns from financial and fish welfare (lack of food) perspectives. Therefore, the motion is that Barton Fishpond should **not** close for spawning in 2024.

## References

Hendry, K., & Cragg-Hine, D. (1997). *Evaluation of the close season in canals*. Retrieved 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 from [https://aquadocs.org/bitstream/handle/1834/25206/81\\_EA.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y](https://aquadocs.org/bitstream/handle/1834/25206/81_EA.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y).

BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD PARISH COUNCIL – VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday March 28th 2024 @ 10.30 am.

PRESENT: J Taylor, K McInerney & S Bedford. Apologies: C Walker.

Sally Bedford joined us to discuss BARTON "LIVE", and what assistance COMMS could give.

Barton "LIVE": Twenty-five Groups have been contacted; there were two or three more to contact, and Sally was to do this.

To date: we have had thirteen who will be attending, and two that have decided not to attend.

The rest have up until the last week in April to let me know.

Sally is going to create name cards for each attendee group, to put on tables.

I have ordered Six Hi-Viz Rain Suits, complete with 3-M reflective strips: Three XL & Three L.

I have now received them. These are for use at any of our functions, where safety is a consideration.

Full Council is asked to note and accept the contents of this report.

J Taylor Chair VEC.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### *GENERAL*

1. Rural Services Network Bulletins – request for £50 subscription – *forwarded to all Cllrs*
2. John Taylor High School – invitation (x2) to Annual Presentation Evening 16/7/24 6pm and donation towards awards slip
3. Resident complaint of mud on road by Newbold Quarry, Barton Turn – Chairman contacted Aggregate Industries who reported back on a wheel-washer fault, now rectified, inspections and sweeping to be increased. *Clerk relayed to resident.*
4. Resident request regarding Sausage and Cider free tickets – *Clerk referred requester to the organisers*
5. TTTV – notification of end of 5 year scheme for this area - *forwarded to all Cllrs*
6. Resident complaint of trees being cut back adjacent Hardy Close by allotment plot holder – *forwarded to Allotment Committee*
7. Evidence of flooding gathered in response to appeal, various.
8. Copy Resident complaint to ESBC Environmental Health re fly tipping on Dogshead Lane and litter at Catholme junction.
9. Resident photos evidencing alcohol use at Collinson Park Incident 156 9/3/24
10. Photos of damaged Burial Ground Noticeboard

### *SCC/HIGHWAYS*

11. Storm Henk Flood Recovery Grants – details posted on Facebook, Website and Noticeboards
12. Notification from Cllr Jessel re Sunday bus service – *details shared with all Cllrs, Facebook and Website*

### *ESBC*

13. Cllr J Jones, footpath overgrown Park Road to Westmead – lengthsman reporting
14. Copy emails between resident and Cllr J Jones regarding petitioning against brown bin charges
15. Notice of Election and submission of Election Addresses – Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner 2/5/24 – *Clerk posted on noticeboards, Facebook and Website*

### *SPCA/NALC/SLCC*

16. Newsletters forwarded to all Cllrs;

## Walton Bypass and Bridge Update on Progress

Stakeholder meeting held on 25 March 2024

Reported that the revised design of the bypass and bridge is complete. DCC and SCC highways are satisfied with the design as now proposed.

Main changes are slight adjustment on alignment of bypass particularly at the Barton side tie in.

Road level has been raised so that the road will not flood due to a 1 in 100 year plus climate change rainfall event.

The original flood relief culverts are replaced with flood relief bridges, having greater width.

Reported that the ER are satisfied that the proposals will not increase risk of flooding on Barton Brook.

However Walton PC expressed concern that the flooding of the existing road will continue.

Technical Approval applications are with DCC and SCC highways for approval.

Planning applications have been submitted to SDDC and ESBC. SDDC application has been validated and is out for consultation.

Reported that subject to obtaining of technical and planning consents, construction will commence in Summer 2025 with opening of the bypass at the end of 2025. Given my experience of design and construction, I consider this timescale for construction to be optimistic but on challenging this was told it is intended to work on site 7 days a week subject to planning conditions being approved

Derek Lord