

Clerk's report (for information only)

- 24.03.19 - At the PC meeting on 20th March, a local resident raised the issue of the bus stops on Garstang Road, Bowgreave adjacent to The Bowgreave Rise Care Home. His issue related to the space adjacent to the north bound stop for wheelchair users and the fact that it was impossible for a person in a wheelchair to board a bus at this location. He has a wheelchair bound friend who is a resident of Bowgreave Rise and he has attempted to assist him board a bus at this stop without success. The buses have to move into the centre of the road to provide sufficient space for an attempt to get a wheelchair on board and it takes at least two people to assist. Following the meeting the Chair emailed County Councillor Shaun Turner to inform him of this. 24.03.19 an email was received from Shaun confirming that he has asked for this to be brought to the attention of highways and included Phil Durnell (Lancashire Highways Manager) and Keith Iddon (LCC Cabinet Member for highways and transport) in the loop. Shaun has also got 3 'no parking' cones which he will position opposite the junction in Calder Vale (where parked vehicles is an issue) week commencing 25th March.
- 25.03.19 – Clerk contacted the local resident (as mentioned above) to inform him of the actions taken and that LCC were going to look into the situation.
- 01.04.2019 – The following response was received (forwarded on to the Clerk) by County Councillor Shaun Turner: *Thank you for your email regarding the bus stop adjacent to Bowgreave Rise, which has been passed to me for a response. I appreciate the difficulties being experienced by some local residents in accessing this particular bus stop and the issue has been raised previously. As indicated, ideally we would want to install a full EA compliant bus stop and footway, as suggested by taking some of the adjacent field, with a dropped kerb for crossing and a raised kerb for boarding the bus. Of course this would require a significant amount of funding and when raised in the past, whilst we wouldn't have said it's not being considered because of low usage, the small budget we do have to undertake such works is indeed focused on more frequented bus stops. The budget usually allows us to do half a dozen or so bus stops a year, and with the design and consultation process, this can stretch the timescales for installation of such upgrades. At this location, with the potential added land acquisition implications, it's likely the cost of upgrading this stop may exceed our allocated annual budget. Based on usage, this wouldn't normally be justified when there a number of other bus stops in a similar situation. We could add it to the list but I'm unable to confirm when we would be able to upgrade this stop from our budget. In some areas, where new building developments are being proposed, we have requested funding through the planning process to upgrade nearby stops to assist facilitating the work but I'm not aware of anything coming forward in the near future in that area. Therefore unless some alternative additional funding is allocated, unfortunately it could be a while before anything can be done at this bus stop. I appreciate this response may not meet with the aspirations of the Parish Council, however I hope it explains the current position. If you have any further questions or need any further information then please feel free to contact me or through County Councillor Iddon if you want to raise it directly with him. Kind Regards Ashley Weir Principal Transportation Officer - Bus Services & Development Public and Integrated Transport, LCC*

- 22.04.19 – Clerk issued the resident who raised the bus stop issue with a printed copy of the email above.
- Clerk has progressed work with the attendees for the Community event in Calder Vale village hall on Saturday 18th May. This will be covered in the meeting and minuted as such.

Planning decisions

- **Split decision** – 15/00928/DIS - Application for the discharge of conditions 3 (highway improvement), 4 (visibility splay), 5 (environmental management plan), 6 (travel plan), 7 (affordable housing scheme), 8 (drainage of foul and surface water), 9 (drainage management plan), 10 (mitigation measures FRA), 11 (tree protection plan), 13 (landscaping), 14 (desk study), 15 (gas protection measures) and 16 (scheme for public open space) on outline planning permission 15/00928/OUTMAJ @ Land off Calder House Lane.
- **Permitted** - 19/00227/FUL – Application for a single storey rear extension at 31 Pasture Drive, Garstang.

Mrs Nicky Mason