

Clerk's report (for information only)

1. Clerk confirmed precept amount for 2021/22 with Wyre as £8455.00 (eight thousand, four hundred and fifty-five pounds) and acknowledgement was received 14.01.21. This should be credited to the account early April 2021.
2. Clerk emailed LCC Highways requesting additional signage be considered to inform drivers of HGVs of the canal and railway bridges sooner on their approach via Calder House Lane/Bruna Hill. There have been a few issues over the last few weeks where vehicles too large get so far and then are unable to turn. Email acknowledgement was received 14.01.21 with email ref: 292729.

On 10.02.21 a further email was received from Andrew Huskisson (LCC, District Lead Officer for Highways & Transport) thanking the PC for bringing this to his attention and that the area will be visited soon to investigate and a further update will be sent to the PC following this visit, hopefully later this month (Feb '21).

3. Clerk ordered the new laptop as agreed at the meeting in January 2021.
4. Asset register updated – removing purchase price of the old laptop and adding the purchase price of the new. Increasing the PC's assets. This will be confirmed at time of Audit for transparency.
5. Clerk sent a letter of support for the planning application LCC/2020/0069 for a 3 storey, 45 bed space care home facility, widening and rerouting of access road, new car parking areas, summerhouse, energy centre, cycle and bin store and landscaping. And outline planning application for the development of a 3-storey extra care facility consisting of 65 apartments along with subsequent demolition of existing care home facility. Email acknowledging receipt was received 14.01.21.
6. VAT126 completed and sent to HMRC on 13.01.21 to reclaim VAT to Dec 2020.
7. Invoices for both Microsoft 365 annual subscription & laptop were sent to Wyre on 16.01.21 to claim the IT grant available.
8. The following email was received from LCC (Kate Walsh, District Lead Officer, Highways & Transport) in response to requesting consideration for signage on Delph Lane to notify motorists of a school - *Thank you for your email concerning erecting signage to inform motorists of the presence of a school on Delph Lane, Calder Vale. There is no legal obligation to place school signs or school warning signs as all locations are evaluated on their individual circumstances. However, if a new school location was developed then it would be up to the school to place and pay for any consequential requirements to that development and it is normally stated in the planning permission. The omission of any requirement through the planning process indicates that signing by the applicant for the school was not required on safety grounds otherwise this would have been stipulated in the planning conditions. However, as a gesture of good will we are arranging to place school signs on both approaches, these will be placed as soon as resources allow.*

The signs are now up!

9. On 25.01.21, the £500 IT grant from Wyre was credited to the bank account. This grant is toward the purchase of an annual subscription to Microsoft 365; which includes MS Teams platform for virtual PC meetings to be hosted & a new laptop.
10. On 01.03.21, Clerk received a survey from LALC in relation to training that had been undertaken in the last 3 years. Several questions needed input from Councillors – Clerk sent an email requesting responses by COB 11th April so that the survey could be completed by deadline of w/e 15.04.21.

Planning decisions

1. **Application permitted** – 20/01165/FUL – Erection of a single storey side extension (following demolition of existing out building) @ 20 Burnside Avenue, Calder Vale.
2. **Application refused** – 20/01198/FUL – Erection of a single storey detached building for ancillary living accommodation @ Bonds Fold Farm, Castle Lane.
3. **Application permitted** – 21/00002/FUL – Single storey side extension with accommodation in the roof space @ 8 Heald Croft.
4. **Application permitted** – 19/00566/FUL – Variation of condition 5 (drainage details) @ Calder House, Calder House Lane.

Mrs Nicky Mason