

Report of the Clerk

- 1. May Elections:** All Parish Councillors are up for re-election in may the Clerk will receive the necessary paperwork in due course.
- 2. Proposed MUGA at Rushton Street:** The Clerk lodged the Parish Councils objections with the County Planning Office the plans will probably be dealt with at their March Meeting. The Clerk raised the matter at the January meeting of the Area Committee and asked for support for the retention of the car park. The Area Committee passed unanimously to support the Parish Council and to write to both County and the School Governors. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee to see if the parcel of land could be acquired to protect its long-term use as a public car park. The Clerk was unable to attend this meeting but asked Cllr. Beckett to put the Parish Councils case forward, the Executive resolved to ask County for the piece of land to be included in an assets exchange agreement being drawn up between the Borough & County.
- 3. Festive Decorations:** The Clerk attended the Scrutiny Review Committee meeting reporting on the equitable distribution of resources for Festive Decorations throughout Pendle. The original distribution was on an historic basis but this no longer reflects an equitable division of resources. After much discussion and general muddying of the pool by the Portfolio Holder for resources the Group adjourned to discuss the input and draft a report a further meeting will be held at the end of February.
- 4. Environment Agency Flood Warning System:** The Environmental Agency held an informal event at the College to promote this new service. The Clerk attended on behalf of the Council and picked up the necessary leaflets. The scheme is an early warning contact scheme which residents can log onto for a telephone flood alert.
- 5. MUGA at Bullholme:** The Parks Department have sent copies of plans and location plan for the proposed MUGA at Bullholme to submit for planning permission. The Clerk has contacted Planning and the cost of the application after discount will be £132.50. The estimated cost for the provision of this MUGA is £68930.00 + vat.
- 6. Homefield House:** It has been brought to the attention of the Clerk that Housing Pendle may be intending to remove the Lime tree at the entrance of Holmefield House and extend the car parking. The Clerk again requested last month that a TPO be placed on that tree and one was placed on the 30th January 2007. The Clerk has spoken to MS. Leighton at Housing Pendle where she confirmed that the matter had been raised and was being dealt with by a Ms. Stuttard. The Clerk informed Ms. Leighton that a TPO existed.
- 7. Planters:** The Clerk has seen the Rep from Amberol Ltd. And has asked for quotes for planters for wall mounting the Clerk will report to the next GP meeting.