

Report of the Clerk

- 1. Wall at Rose Garden:** The Clerk contacted the Estates Department regarding the wall and spoke to Glynis Barnes, the problem has been that the motorist who hit the wall has not supplied insurance details and the work was to be left until the next financial year. The Clerk explained that the wall was a dry stone retaining wall for the raised bed and that since the accident the rain had washed out more of the wall and that by April the wall could have collapsed further. Ms. Barnes said the matter would be treated as urgent and the work was ordered the same day. The work has been carried but there seem to be short of a few top stones. The Clerk has thanked Ms. Barnes and indicated that the Parish Council may have some stone to complete the wall.
- 2. Land at End of Garnett Street:** The Land has planning permission for a block of five flats. This item will be discussed further at the February full Council.
- 3. Bench at Entrance to Park:** Brian Sutcliffe at the Parks Department has informed the Clerk that one of the pair of benches opposite the White Bear is badly corroded and dangerous. The Clerk has contact Mr. Knowles who builds the benches and he has said that it can be refurbished. The Clerk has organised for the Parks to take the spare bench the Council has to replace the corroded one and will organise refurbishment.
- 4. Bench Refurbishment:** The two benches sited on Colne Road and the two in Barrowford Cemetery need refurbishing and this should be done prior to the summer when these benches are well used the cost will be approximately £400- £600 depending if any steel work needs replacing.
- 5. Reedyford North Bridge:** Lancashire County Council is to begin the removal of the weak triangular footway extension and realignment of bridge parapet and kerb. The work will start 28th January or when Transco finish and will last for 12 weeks.
- 6. Best Kept Garden Competition:** The new allotments and vegetable plot section still needs a perpetual trophy. There is sufficient funding left in the 2007-08 budget to purchase a suitable trophy. This could be a used as a memorial to retired Councillor and supporter of the Garden Competition Gerald Lund who died last year as a mark of respect for his long service to both this competition and the horticultural section at Barrowford Show.