Essential Works at Barrowford Memorial Park:

Several urgent works have become necessary in the park some have already been discussed and the work ordered other work needs to be actioned.

- 1. Water Pipe to Bowling Pavilion: The work has been ordered but the recent prolonged rain has delayed the start of this work. The Bowling Club would like this work completed by the 4th April to facilitate full use of the pavilion for the forthcoming bowling season. If the work is undertaken now with the current saturated ground conditions the cost of re-instating the former putting area would be increased. The Clerk has conveyed his concerns to both the Bowling Club and Pendle regarding current ground conditions, the Clerk will speak to Mr. Aspey regarding a proposed start date on Monday 7th March.
- 2. Tree to rear of lake and smaller tree to woodland walk: The works have been ordered and the smaller tree has been felled to enable the woodland walk to be re-opened. The large beech to the rear of the lake will be done when ground conditions allow. The cost of these works is £1200 + vat
- **3. Tree on Lake Island:** The last storm brought down a tree on the island which has damaged the dry stone wall surrounding the island. The Clerk has asked for a quote to remove the tree the quote is for £600.00 +vat. The Clerk has spoken to Mr. Higson at Pendle regarding the wall and a quote is being obtained although the work cannot be carried out until the tree is removed.
- **4. Sink hole near lake overflow pipe:** Cllr. Nike and the Clerk had a walk around the park looking at the benches and this hole was noticed. The Clerk has asked Mr. Aspey to investigate but it was probably caused by water runoff from the lake. The parish will need to take remedial action.
- 5. Benches at the entrance to the park: There are problems with the two benches at the entrance to the park. The left hand bench has reached the end of its useful life with at least one leg showing excessive corrosion at ground level. The one to the right is now in a natural hollow probably caused by resurfacing work to the main footpath raising its level. This can either be addressed by raising the bench plinth putting a drain from the bench across the path and into the river or removing the bench and grading the ground to the path.
- 6. Bench Refurbishment/Memorial Benches: The Clerk has looked into having several of the existing benches refurbished and new powder coating. The park currently has adequate bench provision but there have been requests for 4 Memorial Benches. The cost of public use benches is prohibitive to most people and perhaps instead of buying a new bench refurbishment of an existing bench with the addition of a Memorial Plaque may be a more cost effective solution. Initial enquiries indicate a cost of around £350.00 per bench for refurbishment and the addition of a plaque. The Clerk suggests that one bench is removed initially and refurbished with an ongoing programme of removal and refurbishment as necessary with the requests for a Memorial Bench being dealt with first.
- **7.** Hole in River Wall: It is hoped that the permission to progress the works will be given soon and that works can commence in spring and through the summer.
- 8. Play equipment: The Clerk will bring a report to the April Meeting.