



Report by Vice Chair Cllr Scholfield

This report generally covers highways, street lighting, utilities, Public Rights of Way (PROW), the Lengthsman, general village housekeeping and representational duties as required.

Works done in the village

Litter picking.

Kept the 'end of lane' waste bin position on Moor Lane clear and tidy.

Continued to work on removing ivy and dead trees and shrubs abandoned over the years on the land above the pumping station on Moor Lane.

Checked the grit bins.

Building works - with the resumption of work on Fairview, we now have work on four adjacent properties between Pendleton Road and Back Lane. The congestion is greater but should be of shorter overall duration and thanks go to the builders because no complaints have been received.

The footpath sign at the junction of Wiswell Shay, Pendleton Road and Back Lane has been reinstalled by the Coronation Garden contractor.

External repainting of the telephone box and the two bollards by the notice board has started (resident contractor).

Liaison has continued with LCC Highways and RVBC

Patching and resurfacing works on Pendleton Road

The surface dressing (projective measures to lengthen the life of the road) from Wiswell Eaves Farm to Main Street Pendleton is planned from 12th May for four weeks potential closure. LCC have attempted to advise residents but unfortunately only mentioned Pendleton Road.

Ash Die-back diseased trees

RVBC and LCC have coordinated on the removal of several dead trees on Wiswell Lane below Bennetts Close towards Bramley Meade and the verge is now much more open than before. The attention of LCC has been drawn to the lack of protection against falling into the brook (the fence could be extended or bollards provided) and RVBC have been asked to consider the position of the bench being so close to the road without any protection.

New reports

In addition to the bench on Wiswell Lane, RVBC have been asked to provide replacement timbers for the two benches on Whiteacre Lane. Several years ago, we made an informal agreement with RVBC that we would share responsibility for maintaining the benches with LCC.

Reports less than a year old

Progress - Drainage grid to the right of Coronation Gardens, this floods if left closed and is dangerous if left open. LCC responded that the grid should be left closed and we have provided further clarification about a different solution.

Progress - Flooding damage on Moor Lane above the water pumping station, the stone drain at the side of the road has been washed out. LCC have agreed to refill with new stone and remove debris affecting road safety.

Old reports, ongoing matters which LCC regard as the lowest priority compared to the many other challenges they face.

Progress - white lines on the entrance to Bramley Meade roundabout from Wiswell have been refreshed (goes back many years).

Very dirty green sign between the A59 roundabout and Wiswell Shay.

Old Back Lane, a blocked drain and a broken drain, leading to flooding on the lane and water ingress into a private garden. This goes back 25 years.

Dyke on Cunliffe Lane near the sewage pumping station. The promised work has not materialised. This is the likely cause of the flooding from the grid to the right of the entrance to Clake Wood Close.

Replacement Village Notice Board

The new Notice Board installation should be complete by 7 May.

Liaison with the Lengthsman

The Lengthsman has resumed his duties around the village and the arrangements are working smoothly.

Coronation Garden Electricity Supply

I continue to liaise with electricity northwest, but clarity is required on any additional lighting proposed in the garden. Also, a request for an inspection made last year is outstanding.

Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee

I attended the meeting on 9 April. The new website is fully operational and identical; summary information is available on the three parish web sites. Moor works to maintain and improve the cemetery were discussed and another housekeeping and inspection visit is planned for 25 June.

Whalley Educational Foundation

I attended the informal meeting on 28 April. Bookings continue to improve, particularly the new facilities. A heritage celebration is planned for 13 and 14 September 2025 to celebrate the 300th anniversary.

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