

BICKERSTAFFE BOUNDARY SIGN

A replacement boundary sign has been erected on Long Lane at the Bickerstaffe/Aughton boundary. The Lancashire County Council's Engineering Department manufactured and erected the replacement sign.

ROAD ISSUES

The Parish Council report any road issues to the Lancashire County Council's(LCC) Engineering Department on an on-going basis. An update following recent reports is as follows:-

- the camber along Ben Lane (approaching Coach Road) and a badly rutted road surface. L.C.C. have stated that there is insufficient funding in the 2007/2008 financial year budget. However the project work will be undertaken early in the 2008/2009 financial year.
- The undulations in the road at the junction of Church Road and Liverpool Road. Remedial work will be carried out immediately labour resources become available.
- Pothole problems along Lyelake Lane, Barrow Nook and Sineacre Lane will be resolved as soon as possible.
- The problem with blocked gulleys opposite the houses along Coach Road causing flooding has been resolved. L.C.C. have now been asked to look at gulleys along the section of Barrow Nook Lane between Hall Lane and Coach Road.

WAR MEMORIAL AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

At their January 08 meeting the Parish Council considered three estimates in relation to the cleaning and refurbishment of the War Memorial. Two of the contractors have been asked to submit supplementary information in relation to their respective schemes of work. Their response will be considered at the Parish Council's March meeting when a decision will be made in relation to the award of the contract.

With regard to the funding of the project significant financial contributions have been secured from Lord Derby, Holy Trinity Church and the Parish Council has included a contribution in their financial profile for 2008/2009. In addition a submission has been made to West Lancs District Council in relation to their Capital Grant Scheme.

FINANCIAL PROFILE 2008/2009

At their meeting on 14th January 08 the Parish Council approved a financial profile for 2008/2009. The details are as follows:-

PROJECTED INCOME	£
• Carried forward	895
• Parish Precept	7250
• Parish Field Maintenance Grant	1800
• Hire of Parish Field	200
• VAT Repayment	550
• Interest	80
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Total	10,775

PROJECTED EXPENDITURE	£
• Insurance	500
• Safety Inspection and Subscriptions	250
• Parish Clerk's Salary	2995
• Mileage, Postage, Telephone, Stationary and Accommodation Costs	580
• Printing of Newsletter & Annual Report	320
• Parish Field Mowing	1875
• Play Area & Street Furniture Maintenance	800
• Internal and External Audits	175
• Quality Status Development Costs	400
• War Memorial Project	1375
• Donations	200
• Potential Elections Costs	800
• Contingencies	500
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Total	10,770

The financial profile is reviewed at each Parish Council meeting together with a bank reconciliation report.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SURGERIES 2008

- 14TH January 08 Parish Council Meeting
at the Four Lane Ends Mission Commencing at 7.45pm
- 11th February 08 Parish Council Surgery
at the Stockley Crescent Meeting Room From 7.00pm – 8.00pm
- 10th March 08 Parish Council Meeting
at the Four Lane Ends Mission Commencing at 7.45pm
- 14th April 08 Parish Council Surgery
at the Four Lane Ends Mission from 7.00p – 8.00pm
- 12th May 08 Annual Parish Assembly
at the Four Lanes Ends Mission Commencing at 7.45pm
- 12th May 08 Parish Council Annual General Meeting
at the Four Lane Ends Mission Commencing at 8.15pm
- 9th June 08 Parish Council Surgery
at the Stockley Crescent Meeting Room From 7.00pm – 8.00pm
- 14th July 08 Parish Council Meeting
at the Four Lane End Mission Commencing at 7.45pm
- 11th August 08 Parish Council Surgery
at the Four Lane Ends Mission From 7.00pm – 8.00pm
- 8th September 08 Parish Council Meeting
at the Four Lane Ends Mission Commencing at 7.45pm
- 13th October Parish Council Surgery
at the Stockley Crescent Meeting Room From 7.00pm – 8.00pm
- 10th November 08 Parish Council Meeting
at the Four Lane Ends Mission Commencing at 7.45pm

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend any of the above meetings and surgeries.