

Item 12A

Email received from solicitor 17/8/26

Good afternoon, Adele,

After months of waiting for Pendle Borough Council to respond in respect of the water pipe etc I have received the response below in red , I am not sure this is the response you wanted. Can you please confirm your instructions.

My queries :

I raised a few queries about the matter, the first being the POS adverts as my clients wouldn't want any issues from locals who weren't aware that the land was being transferred to Trawden Parish Council , the original POS adverts will have expired as the matter has been ongoing for over 3 years.

Also are you able to provide any water invoices so that the parish council could see what the monthly/annual charges are as mentioned there are a few farms that tap into the pipe.

Lastly, In respect of the condition of the pipe and obligation to repair and renew, are you able to confirm the state and condition of the pipe is in, also provide any evidence, as my clients wouldn't want the burden of having to replace or any large bills for repair in the next few years .

PBC response :

I have spoken with my colleagues in Property Services and I understand a site visit has recently been undertaken to look into 2 possible unauthorised connections into the water pipe by a farmer of nearby or neighbouring land. Be that as it may, my colleague suspects these connections will use little water in any event. Back in April my colleague contacted your client, advising that the annual cost to PBC of the water used is approximately £30.

With regards the open space question, my understanding is that a transfer of open space does not need to be advertised if, as is the case here, the space is to remain open and is to continue for the public's use.

I note your comment about the condition of the water pipe but PBC's position remains that Trawden Recreation Ground will be transferred as it is.

Given the above what is your client's position?

Email received 21/7/26 from Pendle Borough Council

Hi Adele,

I'm awaiting a UU plan to check the stable block situation that's been constructed (Barry thinks this may also be supplied off the pavilion supply).

As soon as I have this, I can complete the survey and submit this information to the Council for review.

Kind Regards

The relevant parts of the email from the solicitor have been forwarded to Pendle Borough Council for their investigation.