

Notes from meeting with Lancashire County Council 12th March 2026 By Teams

Woodland off Skipton Road and Wycoller discussion

Present: Parish Council - Adele Smith, Andrea Beswick, Ann Holmes, Barry Hodgson

LCC – Gary Jones, Keira Macham

Woodland off Skipton Road

LCC confirmed that there are no Tree Preservation Orders on any of the trees within the curtilage of the site. County Council's do not generally apply for TPO's

Tree inspections don't tend to be carried out if it is just a woodland, priority is given to areas near schools/roads/residential areas. There is one footpath running through the site: from Trawden Road to Bright Street. Gary/Keira will take a look to see whether an inspection has been carried out or whether it needs one doing.

It would be detailed in the site transfer who is responsible for the boundary walls. Barry has seen a document from a resident of Gladstone Terrace that the owners of the gardens are responsible for the walls. It is presumed that this would be the same for Bankfield St but LCC to confirm.

LCC will ensure any encroachments onto this parcel of land are rectified before any transfer.

Gary is not aware of any correspondence between the Parish Council and LCC regarding any request for use of the area between Bright Street and their storage yard for use for off-road parking. They were adamant that they would like to keep this part of land for their own purposes for any future development of the storage yard to off-set any biodiversity requirements of a development. It will not be included in any transfer. Gary was concerned that giving a lease for the 'parking' land could cause issues in future if they wanted to end the lease.

There is a pedestrian access from Bright Street (unadopted); there is no vehicular access. How would we get in to do any tree maintenance? We would have to request permission from LCC to have access over their land next to the storage yard. LCC do not want to create a formal access.

If the Parish Council was to take ownership, the part at the bottom of the access road to Gladstone Terrace/Bankfield Street would need to be maintained by us. LCC will find out whether the properties must contribute to the cost of the maintenance of this area.

All right, restrictions and easements would be transferred to any new owner.

LCC are meeting on Monday 16th March so they will come back with any issues raised during that meeting.

The Councillors present at this meeting stated that we would like to receive the transfer, in principle but this needs to be ratified at the April meeting.

Need clarification as to whether the PC would own the land or whether it will be on a lease to us.

This parcel of land will be removed from the 'coming soon' on LCC website.

Wycoller

It costs a lot for the maintenance and repairs at Wycoller. The figures quoted were £75,000 for the cleaner and anyone employed to carry out work on the site and a further £40,000 for general maintenance.

The site has 10 miles of fencing and walls to maintain. The Aisled Barn repairs are an estimated £500,000. There is a lot of ash dieback within the Park that LCC have in-hand. There are licences required for sewage etc. Any income from the farm tenant or parking does not go anywhere needed for the park to be self-funded.

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