

Devolvement/Transfer of Services to Parish & Town Councils Additional Items the Parish Council May Consider Taking On.

After a general discussion between the Chair and Vice Chairman and the Clerk the Chairman would like Pendle Borough Council to look at transferring certain parcels of land currently in Pendle's ownership.

Some of these pieces of land have moderate to high maintenance costs, whilst some are not maintained. These fall into two categories ones that have a small income and others that do not generate income but which the parish feel should be maintained to a better standard than is currently done.

The pieces of land that the Council would like to see transferred to the Parish Council were all part of the original holdings of the old Barrowford Urban District Council.

These pieces of land include the following:

1. Area of maintained garden running between Gisburn Road and Broadway.
2. Small rectangle of land abutting 1 Rushton Street currently partially maintained by the Barrowford in Bloom Group although significant additional works would be needed to improve this area.
3. Triangle of land at the junction of Hilltop and Church Street which was voluntarily maintained by the Parish Council prior to Liberata, which is partially maintained by the In Bloom Group.
4. The Rose Garden situated between Gisburn Road and Church Street adjacent to the Hilltop site. This has been leased to the Parish for over a decade at a peppercorn rent.
5. The three garages situated at Hilltop abutting no3.
6. The narrow strip of land situated between Riverway and the triangular area known as the Bowling Green.
7. Small garage site situated between Pendle Street and Holme Street.

The rationale for requesting these particular sights in each case are shown below site by site:

1. **Broadway:** This area although maintained to a reasonable standard with regular mowing (frequency has recently been reduced) and pruning but over the years the garden has stagnated with the shrubbery dominating the site. The second reason is that it is

perceived that this was left an open area as a reminder of the demarcation between Lowerford and Netherford which existed prior to the council estate. The Parish Council is keen to see this area retained its present open space form and are concerned that in recent years the garden has come under threat for parking provision.

2. **Rectangle of Land at Rushton Street:** This area has been an eyesore for many years due the distortion of the mass paving by the root systems of shrubs/trees that were planted in gaps in the paving. In recent years the parish has assisted the In Bloom Group remove a few extra slabs and introduce limited planting but to significantly improve the area more extensive works need to be carried out.
3. **Triangle Hilltop:** This area has not been included in a maintenance budget for over a decade and after repeated requests to Liberata years ago nothing has been done until two years ago when the In Bloom Group started limited herb planting.
4. **Rose Garden:** This has been leased to the Parish Council but a recent email from Liberata requesting work to be carried out this may lead to the Parish terminating its tenancy as we have no control over the long term future of the rose garden as the tenancy can be terminated at a reasonably short notice.
5. **Garage Site at Hilltop:** The reasons for requesting this site are twofold firstly the income will partially defray the costs of maintain the other sites and secondly all three garages are currently used by their tenants for storage which in the main shopping area of the village where parking is at a premium the loss of three parking places should not be allowed.
6. **Strip of Land at Riverway:** The Parish Council raised its concerns when this piece of land appeared on a list of council land that could be sold. The strip forms the entry to an area known as the Bowling Green and which is currently used by the proprietors of the main shopping block in the centre of the village. To lose access to this area would increase pressure on roadside parking and reduce the vibrancy of the shopping centre. The Chairman feels that the long term future of this land would be with the Parish as the need to generate income is not as critical as for the borough.
7. **Garage Site at Pendle Street:** This site is again not included in a maintenance schedule and has been subject to numerous complaints

along with Nora Street Garage site. Again the Parish would use the income to maintain both that site and the others included in the list.

1 Land situated between Gisburn Road and Broadway



2 Land Situated abutting 1 Rushton Street:





3 Triangle of Land Situated at Hilltop



4 The Rose Garden situated between Gisburn Road and Church Street





5 The Three Garages situated at Hilltop



6 Narrow Strip of Land Situated between Riverway and Bowling Green





7 Small Garage Site situated between Pendle Street and Holme Street





