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Winter will soon be with us again and bring the increased threat of flooding. Progress towards resolving this problem has been disappointing, hindered partly by Covid-related issues, but a face-to-face follow-up meeting between BPC representatives and the Environment Agency is scheduled for early October. Hopefully this will result in positive action plans - and even some action.

BPC-owned tree management remains high on the Parish Council's permanent job list, despite the very high cost. With literally hundreds of trees involved on the two BPC-owned sites, there is always something that needs doing. A professional arboriculturist is employed to provide an annual risk assessment as a requirement of BPC's insurance cover. These trees also impact on adjacent properties, so the concerns of their owners must be addressed. With this in mind it was agreed that BPC needed a fair and comprehensive written policy for dealing with such concerns. This policy was finalised in July and approved for implementation at BPC's September meeting. It is available to view on the BPC web site and paper copies may be obtained from the Clerk. This policy should enable parish residents to anticipate the Parish Council's reaction to most, if not all, tree matters they may wish to raise.

The issue of suspected leachate from the Hale Marble Quarry defunct refuse tip has been resolved. Samples taken by the appropriate authority proved to be toxin-free, although the site continues to become visually unattractive after heavy rains. The Parish Council continues to work for effective measures to control traffic speeds on the A6, B5282 and other roads in the parish. Electronic speed indicator devices (SIDs) are considered an effective way of doing this and further investment in this technology is planned. Unfortunately the SID sited on Sandside Promenade was recently destroyed in a traffic accident and has since completely disappeared. No details of this accident have yet emerged but an insurance claim has been lodged and the missing device should soon be replaced.

As many of you will be aware, national celebrations are planned to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. New tree planting has generally been accepted as a good way of doing this in an environmentally friendly way and new trees are readily available for the purpose. Talks with neighbouring parish councils are underway to explore the possibilities for joint action to increase the impact of this idea. Similarly the idea of wild flower planting is gaining favour nationally. BPC has suggested a trial patch in the wide verge of Storth Road, between Paddock Way and Four Lane Ends and the required CCC Highways permission has been applied for.

Some changes in the lead roles at Beetham Parish Council have been agreed. Cllr Meakin has agreed to serve another one-year term as Chair and Cllrs Knowles and Yates will share the role of Vice-chair. Paul Harnett has joined the council as the fifth member for West Ward, replacing Cllr Pickup who resigned earlier this year. Sincere thanks to Cllr Pickup for all his hard work on behalf of the Council during his term of office. Unfortunately Beetham School is not yet available for BPC meetings, so **all** BPC meetings will be held at Storth Village Church until further notice.

JRS 23/09.21

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