

Agenda Item 9

River Wall Update:

The Clerk has spoken to Pendle regarding the underpinning of the river wall and discussed available funding including the BWPAC grant of £6,500. The Clerk stressed the need to spend this grant money during this financial year. The delay is not the current staff's fault but has been exacerbated by reduced staff through various reasons within the Engineers department, Mr Kelly has surveyed the wall footings and identified a length of 35 metres (approximately) that needs underpinning and has done drawings for the proposed remedial work.

The work has to be carried out when the Salmon and Trout are not returning to the spawning beds and unfortunately, we have missed that deadline for this summer. Mr Kelly will be approaching the Environmental Agency with a view to starting the work initially at the end of this year's Salmon Run which is around the end of September/early October. The work will be in three phases underpinning, removal of detritus under the Gisburn Road side arch of the road bridge and rebuilding of the collapsed wall. It is highly unlikely that all the work will be carried out this late autumn but it is hoped that significant progress on one or more of the three elements can be carried out before the end of March so that the BWPAC Grant is not lost. The aim is to completely finish the work before the 2024 Salmon run begins.