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Park Report:

1. **Safety Surface Play Area:** The work has been ordered and the Clerk is waiting for the starting date for the work.
2. **Raised walkway to Rear of Lake/Coronation Walk:** The Clerk has closed the walkway with rails and signage due to the unsafe condition of the wooden decking. The raised walkway needs removing and a new path establishing around the back of the lake. The Clerk has submitted a bid to the BWPAC for £3,500 towards the cost of the works. The Clerk has met Phil Riley and Cllr. Nike to look at the project and other footpath work including Coronation Walk. It is possibly best to carry out the two projects under the same works, although the Coronation Walk may need doing over two years dependant on costs.
3. **River Wall:** The Clerk has contacted S. Whalley Senior at Pendle and received the following email:

Hi Iain, The permit for the works has been submitted to the Environment Agency. The plan is to implement the works following spawning season – so planning to start mid to end of July of this year. Works should take no more than 4 weeks.

A follow up question received the following response:

Hi Iain: Now the permit is in, the next stage is to prepare tender documents which will lead to the production of an estimate for the work. We are at the mercy of the EA when it comes to timescales for the permit approval. They are now dealt with by a national permitting team and turnaround times have suffered, but we remain hopeful for approval by mid-July.

We will then tender the works which will obviously give us the tender price.

The principle of the work is to fill the void under the wall with soluform bags to underpin the existing structure and thus stabilise it.

I expect the cost to be no greater than £20k but we will have more information on cost further down the line.

These costs probably do not include stone and rebuilding of the missing section of wall. The Clerk will report back when more information or costs are known.
4. **Trees Growing from the Lake Wall:** There are several large self-seeded trees growing from the lake wall which are starting to move the buckle the wall upwards. The Clerk has asked P. Riley to remove these trees as soon as possible and kill the roots.
5. **Wildflower Bed:** The bed was created and seeded as of yet there are no signs of the wildflowers but this could be due to the exceptionally dry spring. The seeds may sprout after rain, the Clerk will monitor the bed.
6. **Bridge opposite the White Bear:** Following complaints to Cllr. Nike regarding disabled scooter access onto the bridge, the problem could be alleviated for most scooters by cutting back the railings on Gisburn Road by approximately 20-30cm giving a better turning circle onto the ramp. The Clerk has asked Mr. Riley to organise the works.
7. **River Wall Capping Stones on Track to Bullholme:** The Clerk has looked at the worst point and although these need repairing are still fairly solid. The Clerk will make enquiries if a licence is needed from the Environmental Agency

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dependant on the response will determine when the repairs can be carried out. Regardless of the Environmental Agencies response the work should be factored into the three-year plan as essential maintenance for next year to allow funds to become available for the work.

8. **WW2 Plaque:** The plaque was refitted mid-April ready for the VE Day 80th Anniversary. The Chairman laid a floral wreath on the 8th May at the Memorial in remembrance of the men of the village who died making victory possible.