

Report of the Clerk

- 1. Asbestos Removal:** A significant amount of asbestos needs removing from a plot on Pasture Lane Allotments. The Clerk contacted the only local authorised remover and the estimate for removal of both the asbestos and the tyres will be around £1350+vat. The Clerk has ordered the work which will be carried out later this week.
- 2. Tree at Back Nora Street:** An Alder planted on the allotments some 30 years ago needs the crown lowering, the cost will be £500.00 + Vat this work is essential and should be prioritised at the end of the bird nesting season.
- 3. Ash-Dieback:** Four Ash trees within the Pasture Lane Allotment sites are suffering from dieback including three on the roadside up the hill to Roughlee, with one Ash tree on the Lower Parkhill Allotment site suffering from dieback. The Clerk has spoken to the Aviculturist who will look at the trees on his return from his holidays. Dependant on the level of dieback it may be possible to use a planned phased removal the Clerk will report back on cost and longer-term planning. this may become a recurring problem over the next few years and also include trees within the park.
- 4. Tree Survey:** The Council will need to carry out a tree condition survey on all trees within the curtilage of Parish Council Land. One was carried out on Barrowford Memorial Park a few years ago and a similar survey should be carried out on all allotment sites, Holmefield House, Broadway, Dickie Nook and Hill Top as a matter of urgency to enable an appropriate strategy for future management/replacement of trees. Due to the even increasing extremes of weather trees are under greater stress and are more prone to both disease and structural failure through drought and high winds.