

**Urgent Business Powers**

During the Public session at the last Parish Council meeting concerns were expressed by a member of the public that some of the sleepers (which had been donated to the village and installed by volunteers) adjacent to the footpath in the Recreation Ground contained potentially carcinogenic substances. In response to these concerns the Parish Council agreed to arrange for their remove forthwith.

While subsequently arranging to have them removed it was suggested that they should be replaced by suitable none toxic alternatives so that the path edgings and flower beds currently surrounded by the sleepers would continue to be supported and defined by similar structures. It was agreed under the Council's Urgent Business Powers that funding be provided to cover the cost of sleeper replacement.

Given the nature of the capital cost and the unexpected nature of the works it has not been possible to consider alternative funding sources. Members are therefore asked to consider making a bid to the Halifax Estates seeking retrospective funding from the Halifax Fund due to the unusual circumstances in which the need for the expenditure occurred.

**Recommended**

- 1) That the decision taken under Urgent Business Powers be noted and agreed
- 2) That a bid for retrospective funding of the new timbers be submitted to the Halifax Fund.