

To Goldshaw Booth Parish Residents,

This month's newsletter covers the main points raised at the Parish Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

In his opening remarks the Chairman announced the deaths of Brian Wilkinson, Val Blamire and John David. Brian has done a great deal of work around the Parish over many years and will be greatly missed. Val used to be the Parish Clerk some years ago. John David was a very well respected councillor and member of the community. A minute's silence was observed.

#### Matters Arising from Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Pendle Council has replaced the waste bin on Spenbrook Road. Cllr. Carl Ryder has approached Mr. Danson to destroy the Himalayan Balsam in his garden and has offered to help him if it grows again next year. Carl also reported to the Council that he has inspected the playground, after the ROSPA report documented some low level items of concern, and his opinion is that there is no threat to safety.

#### Public Questions

A resident, Mr W Mayor, asked if Sparable Wood could be maintained. Cllr. Chris Burt replied that, by coincidence, he had a meeting with Chris Binney, the Principal Environment Officer of Pendle Council, the following morning. Mr. Binney would be visiting the wood to give recommendations on its maintenance. Mr Mayor also requested that the Parish Council contact Pendle Council to pay a fee to enable a green bin to be used by the residents when weeding the village gardens. There is a black bin that could legitimately already be used by residents in addition to their own for this purpose. The position will be monitored and if the position changes, then we will obtain the necessary permit for a green bin.

#### Reports from Councillors

Chris Burt reported that BT proposes to remove the telephone box from Newchurch village. Residents can appeal to Pendle Council if they have objections.

Chris Hudson reported that he has had a request from 2 residents in Spenbrook to cut down 5 trees on Spenbrook Road. This was discussed and it was agreed that firstly the Council had to find out who owned the land where the trees were. When Chris Burt met with Chris Binney, he would ask him if he could find out this information.

Chris Hudson volunteered to purchase £50 worth of spring bulbs on behalf of the Parish. He would plant some himself and the remainder are now under cover on the left handside of the toilet block in Newchurch.

#### **Residents are invited to use the bulbs for planting within our Parish in a public garden or area.**

Carl Ryder reported that he has interviewed another gardener to weed the gardens in Newchurch and Spenbrook and the Council agreed to give Carl the authority to contact her and ask her to complete the weeding of gardens in Newchurch.

Carl requested, and Council agreed, to a bonfire and barbecue at Newchurch playing field.

#### Agenda Items

Councillors voted and agreed to purchase a Speed Indicator Device in partnership with Higham, Roughlee and Barley.

Chris Burt confirmed the mowing and verge cutting for 2017 and Councillors agreed with his summary.

#### Audit Report

The external auditors have now completed and passed our accounts. The Parish Clerk will publicise these on the noticeboards in the Parish.

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