

To Goldshaw Booth Parish Residents

This month's newsletter concerns the main points raised at the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, 10 January 2017.

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking Carl Ryder and Chris Hudson for organising and assembling the Christmas lights in Newchurch and Spenbrook.

Matters Arising from PC meeting on 13 December 2016

Chris Burt reported he had now received a full report from Mr Peter Hesketh concerning the Best Kept Village Competition. Mr Hesketh fully accepts our complaint and has taken action to make sure the reports for next year's competition are up to an acceptable standard.

Padgett's the plumbers have fitted a new valve on the tap in Newchurch toilets that will automatically turn off, free of charge. Our thanks to them for this service.

Reports from Councillors

The Chairman reported that he had received complaints about dog fouling, specifically that dog faeces have been placed onto the two stiles in the field by Barley Bank. This is illegal and if anyone has any information that identifies the person responsible then they should contact Pendle Borough Council. The PBC dog warden has been contacted and we await confirmation that a dog waste bin is to be provided. Extra signs will be placed on the two stiles reminding dog owners to clear up after their dog.

Both Andy Cowell and Carl Ryder reported that they thought grit bins could be placed in various locations on Well Head Road. After discussion it was decided not to pursue a request for extra bins as it was noted that LCC do provide grit on this road already.

Kathleen Wilkinson reported she had provided Christmas gifts to parishioners over 70 out of funds from the Parish Council.

Agenda Items

There is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, however two residents have expressed an interest to be considered and were in attendance at the meeting.

The budget for 2017/2018 was formally presented and agreed by the Council. The precept is to be set at £5,431, as reported last month.

There was a discussion about whether we should continue with the Christmas gifts however, after a majority vote it was decided to continue but to review annually and to pay for them out of the reserves.

The Council discussed the need for a new tourist map to replace the existing one in Newchurch. This is to be considered for the future.

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