

The following is a summary of the main points discussed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 9 May 2017.

The meeting started with a one minute's silence as a mark of respect for Sheila Grindrod who was the Parish Clerk for many years, who died recently and whose funeral was on Saturday 6 May 2017.

Appointment Of Officers

Christopher Burt was appointed Chairman and Christopher Hudson Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Other Items

The Council reviewed and implemented a Complaints, Financial Risk Assessment and Gifts and Hospitality policies and adopted new Financial Standing Orders.

Reports From Councillors

Christopher Burt reported that he had a meeting with Burnley Ramblers Association in order to try and secure a further donation for the upkeep of the toilets in Newchurch. Although they were sympathetic, they have not made a final decision.

Bob Donovan reported that he had completed a survey of the toilets in Newchurch for the potential for growth of the *Legionella pneumophila* bacteria, which can lead to the spread of Legionnaires' disease. No evidence was found and the risk of potential for growth was determined as extremely low. He has kindly committed to continue to monitor the premises on a regular basis.

Lengthsman Scheme

There was a full discussion on the subject and it was decided on a majority vote to remain in the scheme. The year's subscription will be decided at next month's meeting.

Parish Maintenance

The Council agreed that Ground Care services plant and maintain the barrier baskets in Newchurch with immediate effect.

Reports From County Councillor Wakeford

Christian gave an update on the Speed Indicator Device project and informed the Council that due to 'purdah' rules the scheme will probably be in place after the General Election.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman gave a report on what has happened in the last year and what is to be expected in the next 12 months. There were 6 members of public present who, during the open forum asked various questions and were answered by Councillors. Refreshments were provided after the meeting closed.