

The following is a summary of the main points covered at the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 10th April 2018.

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

The barrier baskets in Newchurch have been altered by Councillor Stuttard to make them less prone to theft.

Work has been completed on the footpath at Sparable Lane.

Councillor Reports

Councillor Chris Burt reported that work to improve the footpath between Osborne Terrace and the playing field was completed by himself and Alan Taylor and the tree planting was a success with both the school and volunteer residents getting involved. He also obtained a quote to repaint the swings and climbing frame, which will likely be funded from a future capital grant bid.

Councillor Hudson reported that Pendle Borough Council has received the Section 106 Agreement funding from the developer of Spen Brook Mill.

Councillor Carl Ryder reported that residents have questioned why money is being spent on maintenance of the football field when it is so under used. This will be an agenda item next month. He also reported that he has made a temporary repair to the pothole in Newchurch. This has been reported to LCC for permanent repair.

Councillor Bob Donovan reported that the quarterly inspection of the play area has been completed.

Councillor Wilkinson reported that she is draft a letter to go to all residents regarding the Best Kept Village and that complaints over the condition of the carriageway surface on the bend near the mill have been reported to LCC.

Other Matters

Councillor Ryder is awaiting a quote from a private contractor for snow clearance and gritting services. Discussions are on-going in terms of feasibility and logistics for the Parish Council to supplement winter maintenance services currently undertaken by LCC.

Old Laund Booth Parish Council have contributed £40 to the cost of last month's snow clearing operation along Heights Lane and a local business has kindly offered to contribute the other half.

Maintenance work is to be carried out on the Boskins, tourist map, finger post and bench near the toilets in Newchurch.

The Spen Brook Mill Development is moving forward. This will now be a regular agenda item at future meetings. Agreements are being finalised between Pendle Borough Council and the developer in connection with the culvert diversion, on and off-site highway works plus on and off-site street lighting works etc. £28,000 has also been secured under a Section 106 agreement for improvements to nearby areas designated as Open Spaces by Pendle Borough Council, such as the playing field etc. The Parish Council will be liaising with Pendle Borough Council to ensure that the money is spent appropriately and that all other off-site works are to the satisfaction of the Parish Council.

Councillor Wakeford has reported that the Speed Indicator Device, which will be shared with other local parishes, is due to be received at the end of April.