

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

MINUTES OF GOLDSHAW BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST. MARYS SCHOOL, NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE ON TUESDAY 10th APRIL 2018.

PRESENT-

Councillor Chris Burt - (Chairman)

Councillors: Andy Cowell, Chris Hudson, Carl Ryder, Chris Stuttard, and Kathleen Wilkinson. In Attendance: Jennifer Sutcliffe, Parish Clerk.

1. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND VISITORS

The Chairman welcomed members and thanked all those who had assisted with the recent planting in Sparable Wood.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Robert Donovan, Borough Councillor James Starkie and County Councillor Christian Wakeford.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2018, be approved as a correct record.

6. MATTERS ARISING (For information only)

Complaints over light pollution at Douglas Hall had been passed to PBC and the Chairman was awaiting their response.

The barrier baskets had been made theft proof by Councillor Stuttard.

PBC had undertaken the maintenance work required on the footpath at Sparable Lane.

In connection with the wish list, Councillor Cowell is looking into the costs for boulders/posts to the grass verge by the school.

Councillor Ryder reported that the cost for paint for the toilet floor was £64 plus VAT for 5 litres of paint. He will purchase the paint and the toilets would need to be closed for 1 day whilst the work is undertaken. He will also follow up Uniblast to obtain a quote for the preparation and painting of the railings at Nanny Maud. A capital grant application would be submitted at a later stage to cover the cost. If the bid was successful, alternative quotes would be sought, in line with standing orders.

Old Laund Booth Parish Council had forwarded a cheque in the sum of £40.00, being half the cost of the recent snow clearing.

Mick Waddington had recently provided a quote of £175.00 for the following work: to clear a bank of brambles above the path next to Boskins, cut the hedge either side of the gate and at the bottom of the playing field, clear bank of brambles next to the slide and clear two branches in the field. All removed foliage to be burnt. This price had been negotiated to £150.00 and the work is ongoing.

Work had been undertaken by the Chairman and Alan Taylor to prevent the flooding at the bottom of the playing fields by the sewage works. This had been successful.

7. REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Burt

He advised members that the tree planting involving the school children was completed on the 22nd March, when each pupil planted a sapling under the guidance of Lee Johnson from Pendle Borough Council. The main tree planting had been a success, with a good turnout from Councillors and volunteers. The event had been reported in the Nelson Leader.

On the 29th March 2018, together with Alan Taylor he had laid 2 tonnes of hardcore and gravel on the footpath by the sewage works. This had been a success in stopping the flooding problem.

He had obtained a quote of £850.00 to sand down and repaint the swings/climbing frame. A capital grant application would be submitted in June and if successful, further quotes will be sought.

An appointment had been arranged with the head teacher at St Mary's School on 2nd May to discuss the pupils making bunting for the RAF Centenary displays in the village.

Alan Taylor had located the land drain on the playing fields and this is to be cleared with drain rods shortly, with Councillor Burt's assistance.

Councillor Carl Ryder

He had been approached by a resident who had asked why the Parish Council spends a large part of the budget mowing the football pitch when it is covered in moss and in such a poor condition. The current policy is to mow the pitch but this will be reviewed at a future meeting. He had made a temporary repair to the pot hole in Newchurch Village due to its depth. The gully above this is blocked and he will try to attend to this shortly.

Councillor Wilkinson

Toilet income for the month was £9.61. She had received a complaint from a resident regarding the pot holes on Spenbrook Road and the road at Sabden Fold was covered in manure. A site visit had taken place to the housing site in Wheatley Lane, Fence, with the Chairman and other Councillors. Councillors were aware of a new business in the area but were unaware of any planning application being granted. The Clerk will contact Pendle Borough Council to ascertain this.

Councillor Hudson

He had been approached by a resident regarding stray sheep wandering round Newchurch and Spenbrook, as this was a danger to road users. He advised members that Section 106 monies had been agreed between Pendle Borough Council and the developer of Spenbrook Mill. An amount of £28,000.00 had been paid and this money is to be used for the provision of offsite public open space in the locality of the development. He also advised members that not all conditions have yet been discharged. Plans had been submitted to Highways for the installation of a new footpath and street lighting. The mill development will now be a monthly agenda item.

Councillor Stuttard

Reported that he had made the barrier baskets in the village more secure to prevent theft.

8. PLAY AREA QUARTERLY INSPECTIONS

Councillor Donovan had reported that Michael Astin continues to carry out the playground inspections. There are no immediate concerns or required actions necessary at this time and any findings remain either low or very low risk. Michael Astin had also replaced the dog fouling signposts and new warning signs would be fixed.

Work to remedy the uneven surface on the playing field, following the bonfire is ongoing. The weather and heavy ground has not been suitable to carry out the work.

He continues to make legionella checks and temperature testing of the water within the public toilets and findings made show no concerns at the present time. He will continue with the checks on a regular basis.

RESOLVED:

That the report is noted.

9. BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Councillor Wilkinson advised members that she is in the process of drafting a letter to residents regarding the competition.

RESOLVED:

That the report is noted.

10. PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW NORTHERN FOREST

Members discussed the correspondence received from Pendle Borough Council who had asked for the support of the Parish Council in extending the forest to include Lancashire and in particular the Borough of Pendle and adjoining parts of Pennine Lancashire. The Chairman also mentioned that the Parish Council could apply for a further 420 saplings from The Woodland Trust to be received in March next year for planting in Sparable Wood. Members discussed the proposal and whilst not all were in agreement, an application would be made for the trees.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Parish Council is unanimously in favour of the Northern Forest proposal and PBC will be advised accordingly.
- (b) That the Chairman will apply for a further 420 saplings from The Woodland Trust.

11. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007 – COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Members briefly discussed the item but as this does not affect the Parish Council, they had no comments to make.

RESOLVED:

That Pendle Borough Council will be advised accordingly.

12. WISH LIST

Most of the items on the wish list had already been discussed, including painting of the toilet block floor, quotes for the railings at Nanny Maud and quotes for the playground equipment.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Councillor Cowell will continue to investigate appropriate verge treatment and associated costs.

13. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

The financial transactions for the month of March 2018 were reviewed. Since the last meeting, payments totalling £423.38 have been made, including £292.45 shown on the agenda and £41.75 to Water Plus and £89.18 (Jewsons) reimbursed to C Burt for payment of footpath repair materials. Receipts of £408.11 had been received, made up of £9.61 (Toilet income), £40.00 from Old Laund Booth Parish Council towards the recent snow clearing, £358.50 from Sabden Parish Council in connection with withdrawal from the Lengthsman scheme and Public Rights of Way monies.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the financial transactions are approved.
- (b) That the income and expenditure book was noted.
- (c) That the quarterly comparison was noted.

14. ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEVERE WEATHER

Councillor Ryder advised members that he was awaiting a price from a local contractor for the gritting. A local business had offered to contribute half of the cost of the snow clearing and would be happy to share the cost in the future. Once the costs have been established Councillor Burt will contact Higham Parish Council to discuss them contributing as part of the approach to Sabden Fold lies within their parish.

RESOLVED:

That a severe weather plan would be agreed next month when all costs have been received.

15. PARISH MAINTENANCE

The weeds on the path between Spenbrook and Newchurch require spraying and Councillor Ryder will attend to this when the weather improves. The garden maintenance will also begin when there is an improvement in the weather. A resident had contacted the Chairman to suggest that the Boskins be oiled and that the plan of local walks attached to it needed reframing. It was also suggested that that the lamppost and finger post in the village required painting and that Duncan Armstrong would repaint the finger post for £25.00.

The wooden benches in the Parish required rubbing down and repainting and it was agreed that Mick Waddington would be asked to give a price to repaint the bench in front of the toilet block. The wild garden at the corner of Gorrell Close was looking a bit weather beaten and this will be reviewed at the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Councillor Ryder would spray the weeds.
- (b) That the clerk will contact John Waine to ascertain when the mowing will commence.
- (c) That Councillor Ryder would repair the plan of walks.
- (d) That Duncan Armstrong would be instructed to repaint the finger post.
- (e) That the lamppost would not be repainted at this stage.
- (f) That Bill Mayor would oil The Boskins and that he would be refunded for the cost of the oil.
- (g) That Mick Waddington would be asked to repaint one bench.

16. THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

Members discussed the obligations that the Parish Council will have as a result of this new legislation. It was agreed that a Data Protection Officer should be appointed to undertake the necessary work.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Stuttard will read the information supplied by Lancashire Association of Local Councils and an agreement will be reached on a Data Protection Officer at the next meeting.

17. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Wakeford had forwarded a report to advise members that the Speed Indicator Device had now been paid for and he had been given a deadline for delivery and installation as the end of April. Councillor Ryder will attend to the erection of a mounting pole. The defective street lamps in Newchurch had been reported and their repair is imminent. Lancashire County Council has just set up a task group to deal with winter maintenance and have requested that the grit used in the east of the county is not mixed with sand. They had now taken delivery of the new pot hole repair machines and a further 10 million pounds has been set aside for repairs. The pothole repairs should now commence. He also advised that any requests for grit bins should be made during the summer months.

18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- (a) BKV
- (b) Arrangements for Severe Weather
- (c) GDPR

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th May 2018 followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm