

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

MINUTES OF GOLDSHAW BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST. MARYS SCHOOL, NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE ON 8th AUGUST 2017.

PRESENT-

Councillor Chris Burt - (Chairman)

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

1. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND VISITORS

The Chairman welcomed members.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Carl Ryder and Borough Councillor James Starkie.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2017, be approved as a correct record.

6. MATTERS ARISING (For information only)

Councillor Donovan reported that he had completed a Legionella risk assessment in respect of the toilets and he is completing weekly water temperature checks. He will keep written records of all checks undertaken.

The fingerpost repainting is ongoing.

Councillor Burt had trimmed the wild rose bush near to the toilets and will return to attend to further pruning. He also advised that Lancashire County Council give £200 to each Parish Council to trim vegetation on public rights of way. Any funds not used throughout the year would not be carried forward.

He had asked the property owners to cut the trees and overhanging branches between Osborne Terrace and Gorrell Close and this had been attended to. The strimming job by the toilets had been completed but the trough by the slaughterhouse still needed planting.

The Clerk advised the up to date position in relation to the external audit, which should be signed off shortly.

7. REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Burt

The Chairman reported that he had cut undergrowth around the small gate onto the top playing field and pruned the wild rose bush by the toilets. He had also asked that the lengthsman cut the nettles on the path by Spenbrook Mill. He advised members that he had cleared overgrown vegetation on the wall between Spenbrook and Newchurch, with the assistance of Alan Taylor. The wall in Sparable Lane had been repaired and the lengthsman had cut back further overgrown vegetation on Jinny Lane. He had received an email from a resident regarding the bus stop signs but advised that Lancashire County Council had received extra funding, specifically for rural bus services and was hopeful that the service may, at some point, be resumed.

Councillor Stuttard

He reported that he had again contacted LCC in respect of the bus stop signs and had been advised that they must not be removed. Maggie Isherwood from LCC is to look into this issue further.

Councillor Wilkinson

She requested a key for the top gate to the playing fields for the walk day on Saturday 17th September 2017. The Parochial Church Council had asked if a bonfire was to take place this year, however, no decision has yet been made. Councillor Donovan would be happy to assist in the building of a bonfire and he would speak to Councillor Ryder regarding materials. However, in order for it to be a viable proposition, volunteers would be required. It was agreed to add this to next month's agenda.

Toilet income for July 2017 was £37.14. The Chairman thanked Councillor Wilkinson for collecting and banking the toilet income.

Councillor Donovan

He advised that the original Sabden Fold notice board had been located and Councillor Ryder had installed the board. Therefore, the notice board on the church wall would remain in place.

Councillor Ryder

In his report, he advised that the lengthsman had cut the hedge on Jinny Lane promptly, as requested. Councillor Ryder had applied weedkiller to the sides of the road from Spenbrook Mill to the bottom of the hill and installed the notice board in Sabden Fold.

8. POND ON PLAYING FIELD

The Chairman advised members that he had met with Lee Johnson from Pendle Borough Council, together with the volunteer wishing to upgrade the pond, Mr Johnson was in favour of the work progressing and would be available to provide any advice or help in the future. He advised that the pond did not require screening and that PBC do not screen open water. A path had been strimmed around the perimeter of the pond and he reiterated that no further work should be undertaken until October of this year.

Lee Johnson also highlighted there was some Ash die back on the smaller trees in Sparable Wood, for which there is no treatment, the trees would eventually die off. He advised that the Woodland Trust do provide funding for small trees although he would not recommend replacing the trees with further Ash. Any new trees should be planted near to the old ones and Councillor Burt will look into this project.

It was agreed that Councillor Hudson would be the liaison between the volunteer and the Parish Council and he would reiterate that no further work should be undertaken until October. The volunteer wished to make some benches to situate around the area and the Parish Council had no objection to this as part of the ongoing project.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Councillor Hudson would be the liaison officer for the project.
- (b) That no further work would be undertaken until, October 2017.

9. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Councillor Ryder was not present at the meeting and therefore this item will be carried forward to the September agenda.

RESOLVED:

That the website will appear on the September agenda.

10. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

It was reported that Himalayan Balsam had been noticed in the village.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Donovan would look into this matter.

11. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

The wall in Sparable Wood had now been repaired at a cost of £60. This had been discussed by email with Councillors. It was noted that the planters in the village were looking tired, although it was acknowledged that the weather had not been kind. The roadside to Sabden Fold needs some attention as does a fence in the area; however, this is the responsibility of LCC.

RESOLVED:

That this item is noted.

12. INSPECTION PROGRAMME FOR PLAY AREAS

Councillor Donovan reported that he had now devised an inspection plan based on RoSPA instructions. A routine inspection would be carried out fortnightly and an operational inspection would be carried out quarterly. He is to meet with the volunteer within the next week and the inspections will begin. The Chairman thanked Councillor Donovan for his work on this item.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the inspections will begin within the next week.
- (b) That written records of all inspections will be kept.

13. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

The financial transactions for the month of July 2017 were reviewed. Since the last meeting, payments totalling £610.00 have been made. Receipts of £37.14 (toilet income) had been received.

RESOLVED

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

14. INTERNET BANKING

The clerk advised members that internet banking had now been set up and procedures in respect of this were discussed and agreed.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That where applicable, payments would be made via online banking.
- (b) That for any payments made via online banking, details of the payments will be recorded and two authorized signatories will approve the payment.

15. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Borough and County Councillors were not present.

16. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

1. Bonfire.
2. Website.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th September 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.