

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

MINUTES OF GOLDSHAW BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST. MARYS SCHOOL, NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE ON 11TH APRIL 2017.

PRESENT-

Councillor Chris Burt - (Chairman)

Councillors: Andy Cowell, Robert Donovan, Chris Hudson, Carl Ryder and Kathleen Wilkinson.

In Attendance: Chris Stuttard, Borough Councillor James Starkie and Jennifer Sutcliffe, Parish Clerk.

1. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND VISITORS

The chairman welcomed the visiting member of the public.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no questions raised by the member of the public in attendance. However, members were informed that a flyer on the Boskins, Newchurch, had been moved to the new notice board and that the doors were sticking. The joiner would be asked to adjust the doors.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2017, be approved as a correct record.

6. MATTERS ARISING (For information only)

The Chairman explained that the new dog waste bin has now been provided at Jinny Lane. The dog fouling notices are yet to be displayed by Councillor Ryder. The Burnley Ramblers meeting is scheduled for 24th April 2017 and the Chairman has been allocated a time slot to address this meeting. He advised members that the tourist map has been reframed and re-positioned at the Boskins, Newchurch. Details relating to the Annual Parish meeting (9th May 2017) will be displayed on the notice boards and in the Parish magazine. (CB)

Councillor Ryder reported that the lengthsman had been requested to repair the wall in Sparable Wood; the work has yet to be completed. (CR)

Councillor's Ryder and Donovan will resite the old Newchurch notice board to Sabden Fold, before the next meeting. (BD/CR)

7. REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Burt

The Chairman reiterated that it would be helpful if Councillors could submit their written reports by the Sunday evening, prior to the meeting.

Councillor Ryder

He explained that a resident of Osborne Terrace had asked to be informed of the current position regarding the field to the rear of the properties.

Councillor Hudson

The litter bin has now been moved to the lay-by on Spenbrook Road. A resident had raised the issue of the wildlife pond on the lower playing field and it was agreed to invite the individual to a meeting. A resident had commented that brambles positioned next to the slide on the play area required trimming. Councillor Ryder will attend to the trimming. (CR)

Councillor Wilkinson

Toilet income for March 2017 was £31.23p. The annual toilet income was £481.30.

8. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Local resident Chris Stuttard expressed an interest to serve the Council; he was proposed, seconded and duly co-opted.

9. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Members discussed the appointment of Yorkshire Internal Auditors.

RESOLVED

That Yorkshire Internal Auditors are appointed to undertake the internal audit.

10. PARISH LAPTOP COMPUTER

Members discussed the purchase of a replacement laptop computer. The Chairman thanked Councillor Cowell for the significant work he has undertaken in connection with the Council website.

RESOLVED

That a replacement laptop be purchased.

11. MEETING DATES FOR 2017/2018

RESOLVED

- a. That the meeting dates for the Municipal year 2017/18 were noted.
- b. That the Clerk will write to the school and advise them accordingly.

12. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Members discussed the merits of individual areas of responsibility. They were informed that the judging reports prepared this year, are to be improved to provide more information. Attention should be given to the appearance of signs and street furniture. Weed killing should be completed by a contractor due to Health and Safety regulations.

RESOLVED

- a. That there will be no individual areas of responsibility.
- b. That the Best Kept Village will be a monthly agenda item to discuss and monitor progress.

13. LOCATION OF SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Following discussions it was suggested that the Speed Indicator Device should be positioned on Spenbrook Road, between Newchurch and Spenbrook. The equipment should be inserted in a ground mounted socket to enable removal when not in use. Councillors Donovan and Ryder will attend to the removal of the mounting pole when required. Members were also advised that Barrowford Parish Council had expressed an interest in being included in the scheme.

RESOLVED

That the information be noted.

14. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARISH MAINTENANCE

Following a lengthy discussion on the merits of the Parish Council withdrawing from the current lengthsman scheme, to enable freedom of choice, several concerns were expressed including the loss of the 30% LCC enhancement. Full information on the conditions of withdrawal will be obtained for discussion at the next meeting.

Councillor Ryder had completed extensive enquiries and had obtained quotes for garden maintenance and the Chairman thanked him for his efforts. It was proposed and seconded that the maintenance package of £45 per month x 6 months is accepted.

RESOLVED

- a. That the Chairman will provide full details on withdrawal from the scheme and a vote will be taken at the next meeting.
- b. That Councillor Ryder will instruct Ground Care Services to commence the 6 month contract.

15. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

The financial transactions for the month of March 2017 were reviewed. Since the last meeting, payments totalling £698.42 have been made. Receipts of £15.28 had been received

RESOLVED

That the financial transactions are approved.

16. PROCEDURAL CHANGES

Members agreed to receive correspondence by electronic mail. One member will continue with the existing arrangement.

RESOLVED

That all future correspondence will be forwarded by email.

17. COUNCIL INVOICES

Members were asked to ensure that where possible, items purchased on behalf of the Parish Council, are invoiced separately.

RESOLVED

That the information is noted.

18. SPENBROOK MILL

Councillor Wilkinson suggested a letter is forwarded to the mill owners to request that they tidy road side areas, in time for the Best Kept Village completion.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk will write to the mill owners.

19. REPORT FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Borough Councillor Starkie advised members that he will be withdrawing his involvement in the Church magazine in the future. He confirmed that despite his new role, he would continue to attend Parish Council meetings. The Chairman thanked him for his past work in producing the magazine.

20. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a. Best Kept Village competition.
- b. Lengthsman Scheme.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm