

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

MINUTES OF GOLDSHAW BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST. MARYS SCHOOL, NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE ON TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2018.

PRESENT-

Councillor Chris Burt - (Chairman)

Councillors: Andy Cowell, Robert Donovan, Chris Hudson, Carl Ryder, Chris Stuttard, and Kathleen Wilkinson. In Attendance: Jennifer Sutcliffe, Parish Clerk, and Borough Councillor James Starkie.

1. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND VISITORS

The Chairman welcomed members.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public present.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2018, be approved as a correct record.

6. MATTERS ARISING (For information only)

The overhanging branches above the toilets in Newchurch had now been cut by Mick Waddington and this was kindly completed at no cost.

The old notice board in Spenbrook had been removed in January.

All the grit bins had now been filled by LCC.

A site meeting had been undertaken at Spenbrook Mill, with several Councillors in attendance. Building materials had been discussed, roof slates had been agreed, and the colour of mortar is still to be agreed. The builder is to prepare another sample wall

in random stone and experiment with coloured mortar. These materials are available to be viewed at the site. It is anticipated that the mill building will be completed first with an expected turn around in nine months. The identity of the builder had not been disclosed and there are still outstanding planning conditions to be met.

Sabden Parish Council had been advised that we are to withdraw from the Lengthsman scheme, and there may be a refund of unused monies at the end of the year.

Councillor Burt had approached the school to ask if the children wished to become involved with plans to celebrate the RAF centenary. The children are keen to be involved and plan to make bunting in RAF colours and depict what it represents. They will start the project in May.

Local precept figures were mentioned, it was thought that GBPC provide a good value service to residents.

7. REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Burt

Requested that Councillors do not correspond by email in relation to the contents of Councillors reports prior to the issues being discussed at Council meetings.

He advised members that he had written to Matthew Fishwick at BT Openreach and had been advised that Spenbrook would not receive any further funding for high speed broadband. Fibre Optic cable is supplied to cabinet 57 in Fence, which is now lit. The connection from Fence to Spenbrook is by copper cable, and speeds decline according to distance. The current distance means that the speed declines to such an extent as to only provide a basic speed of approximately 2mbs. High speed is defined by the government as 24mbs. Openreach had advised that they will not carry out any further work as they are instructed by LCC.

Councillor Burt then advised members that at 11.00am that morning, he had received a further email from Matthew Fishwick stating that fibre optic to premises in Spenbrook **is** planned. He has written to LCC to ascertain the current position, but, as yet, had not received a reply.

Borough Councillor Starkie added that he had been given drawings showing that Spenbrook was originally involved in the plans for high speed broadband.

The Parish Council will endeavour to ensure that all residents in Newchurch, Spenbrook and Sabden Fold receive the same service.

Councillor Stuttard

He had identified two signs on Newchurch Road that needed repositioning. He will attend to the cleaning of the signs in the near future.

Councillor Ryder

He had received some complaints regarding parking in the village and at the school as cars had been left in the lay-by, due to the snow. Councillor Wilkinson will discuss the issue with the Head Teacher. Lancashire Constabulary had been asked to increase their presence at school leaving times to enforce parking regulations.

Councillor Wilkinson

Toilet income for the month was £16.17. She identified an issue with light pollution at Douglas Hall Kennels. It is not known whether permission was required for the lighting and Councillor Burt is to contact the Planning Department for guidance on this issue.

Councillor Cowell

He has now purchased a heritage type bus stop sign which requires some maintenance. Once this is completed, Councillor Stuttard will assist in erecting the sign.

8. ASSET REGISTER

Members discussed the updated Asset Register. It was agreed that the wall troughs and barrier baskets would be removed from the schedule, due to the amount of excess payable. However, they would, as far as possible, be made theft proof by Councillors Ryder and Stuttard. The old notice board in Spenbrook would be removed from the Asset Register as it had been disposed of.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the wall troughs and barrier baskets would be removed from the Insurance schedule.
- (b) That the old notice board in Spenbrook would be removed from the Asset Register as this has been removed and disposed with.

9. BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Members discussed whether an entry should be submitted in relation to the Best Kept Village competition this year.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That an entry to the BKV competition would be submitted.
- (b) That there would be two entries, Newchurch and Spenbrook combined and Sabden Fold.
- (c) That this subject would be a regular monthly item.

10. WISH LIST

Members discussed items that they would like to see improved throughout the year. The items suggested for improvement are:-

Repairing the flooring in the public toilets. Repaint the railings at Nanny Maud. Reintroduction of the bulb bank for residents to plant spring bulbs. Repairing the ginnel between Osborne Terrace and Gorrell Close. Tidying of the area around the new notice board in Spenbrook. Repairs to the footpath at the side of the church and the footpath outside Sparable House. It was suggested that Tom Partridge from PBC be asked to provide advice on the footpath.

Playing Field: - Cut back all bushes around the gateway, also by the notice board and litter bin. Weed the flags adjacent to the picnic table and scrub the table. Cut down all bushes by wall side to dog bin. Cut back brambles on banking alongside the slide. Strip down, wire brush, prime, undercoat and gloss equipment (swings, etc). Reinststate turf following tractor and trailer damage.

Village: - Roadside weeds around the village and on Wellhead Road. Weed cobbles at back of No 23. Weed in front of garden area across from Nos 27 and 29. The banking by the school is rutted following disturbance caused by a vehicle. Benches in village centre and in the churchyard require scrubbing, rubbing down and painting.

RESOLVED:

That the wish list will be an agenda item next month to discuss a plan of action.

11. CAPITAL GRANT MONIES

Members discussed the screening of the pond. It was noted that plants will be required for the pond and an information board could be erected to inform visitors of what species could be seen in the pond.

RESOLVED:

That this item would be on next month's agenda to decide which jobs would be undertaken.

12. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

The financial transactions for the month of January 2018 were reviewed. Since the last meeting, payments totalling £189.43 have been made. Receipts of £16.17 (Toilet income) had been received.

RESOLVED:

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

13. PARISH MAINTENANCE

No immediate jobs were identified this month.

14. LEAKING DRAIN IN SPARABLE WOOD

Spenbrook resident Alan Taylor attended the meeting and was thanked for all his work in diverting the water from the playing field into the land drain. He advised members that a dry stone wall which had previously been across the playing field had been stacked along the side of the field. This has resulted in a false level on the field and to alleviate this, the stones needed to be removed to level the land. Additionally, there had previously been a well close to the wall which could be contributing to the problem together with two trees with deep roots that needed to be removed. Members discussed the issue and it was decided that once the weather had improved, a mini digger would be utilised. Initially, it was proposed that a trench would be dug and a plastic pipe inserted, once the weather improves. Further investigations to establish the extent of the problem would be completed by Mr Taylor and Councillor Burt.

RESOLVED:

That the information is noted, investigations will be instigated and ground work will commence when conditions improve.

15. TREE PLANTING IN SPARABLE WOOD

Councillor Burt advised members that the donated trees would be received from The Woodland Trust between the 2nd and 14th March. He had approached the Head Teacher at the school whom confirmed that the children would be delighted to be involved with the tree planting. It was agreed that they would plant 50 trees and Lee Johnson from PBC would be invited to assist and oversee the students with the planting. Any ash trees that need to be removed will be identified and marked by Councillor Burt and Alan Taylor. Councillor Ryder will remove the trees. He will attempt to get volunteers in the village to assist him. A planting date at 10.30am on Sunday 18th March was agreed and Councillor Ryder will make an appeal via the Newchurch Facebook group for volunteers to assist on the day.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the new trees will be planted on Sunday 18th March 2018.
- (b) That Councillor Ryder will try to obtain volunteers to assist.

16. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

All members voted in favour of the contributory payment for the SPID.

RESOLVED:

That a payment of £158.92 will be made for the SPID.

17. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Borough Councillor Starkie advised members of the new bin collection service from PBC, coming into effect from April 2018. The collection schedule will change, with recycling on a four weekly cycle. Grey bins will continue to be emptied fortnightly. A new blue wheelie bin for paper is to be introduced and residents are able to order the bins online at the PBC website.

RESOLVED:

That the information is noted.

18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- (a) Best Kept Village
- (b) Capital Grant Monies/Pond
- (c) Wish Lists

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th March 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm