

# Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

**MINUTES OF GOLDSHAW BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST. MARYS SCHOOL, NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018.**

## **PRESENT-**

*Councillor Chris Burt - (Chairman)*

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

### **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 Andy Cowell.

### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **5. MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017, be approved as a correct record.

### **6. MATTERS ARISING (For information only)**

The overhanging branches above the toilets in Newchurch have still not been cut by the lengthsman, this has now been outstanding for four months. A quote of £30 has been obtained from Mick Waddington to complete the work.

The old notice board in Spenbrook will be removed in January.

The road sweeper has recently swept in Newchurch and Spenbrook and Councillor Burt had been advised by Pendle Borough Council that this is done every five weeks although, in reality, this does not occur.

The Asset Register will be discussed at the February meeting. A quotation has not yet been received from North Valley Supplies regarding toilet materials.

The garden area adjacent to the new notice board in Spenbrook had not been strimmed, due to the wet ground conditions and the appearance of daffodils. Seeds have also been planted.

Councillor Ryder joined the meeting at 7.10pm.

The latest Best Kept Village report will be added to the website. The report made reference to the churchyard and Councillor Wilkinson will report this at the next PCC meeting. However, due to a combination of limited manpower and weather conditions, improvements are taking time.

The grit bins in Sabden Fold have not been filled, nor have the others around the village. County Councillor Wakeford advised that at the last Pendle Borough Council meeting, most of the meeting featured discussion referring to winter maintenance. All priority routes continue to be gritted; however, secondary routes are not. Following negative comments received by Councillor Wakeford, he has contacted Lancashire County Council to ascertain the current position but as yet, he has not received a satisfactory response. He intends to raise the issue with the new Chief Executive. The quality of the grit has been poor as it is now a mixture of rock salt and sand as opposed to just rock salt. The LCC service so far has been extremely poor and Highways Councillors are looking at a localised solution, although, it will not be resolved in the near future.

The website update is ongoing and further information will be provided as progress is made.

## **7. REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS**

### Councillor Burt

Following discussion at the last meeting, Councillor Burt reported that he had cleaned the pavement outside the toilets in Newchurch. Flooding on the playing field appears to be caused by a blocked land drain. The problem has been discussed with Spenbrook resident Alan Taylor who has offered to deal with this issue together with Councillor Burt, if required.

### Councillor Stuttard

The Councillor is continuing to report defects to LCC although the sign on Well Head Road has not yet been attended to. He had been approached by a resident who suggested it would be helpful if Councillors were identified on the notice board, together with photographs. Councillor Donovan will take the photographs next month and they will be displayed on all three notice boards. It was pointed out that all Councillors' names were listed on the website.

### Councillor Hudson

He advised members that the Christmas lights in Spenbrook had been well received but that they had proved a little troublesome this year. Two sets had failed and others had needed attention. A rethink is required for next year. Activity had been seen at Spen Brook mill, sample walls had been built and roof tiles had appeared. He had been advised that the site is to be developed using a firm of builders from Rochdale. The pot holes on Spenbrook Road had been temporarily repaired.

### Councillor Donovan

Reported that Michael Astin continues the ongoing checks and confirmed that the findings gave no immediate concerns or necessary actions. Any items highlighted remain either low or very low risk. Michael had replaced the dog fouling signposts and Councillor Donovan will fix new warning signs to them. The previously mentioned blocked land drain on the playing field had been noted and the uneven surface due to the bonfire had also been mentioned. Councillor Donovan assured the meeting that remedial works would soon take place and on behalf of the Council, he wished to express thanks to Michael for his continued help and support.

The Councillor continues to make weekly checks of the water temperatures within the toilet facilities and findings show no area of concern. He will continue to monitor and record this on a weekly basis.

### Councillor Ryder

Reported that he had received numerous complaints from residents of Well Head Road into Sabden Fold, regarding lack of grit. He had contacted Councillor Wakeford but had not received a reply. Due to the inclement weather, he had not yet moved the cut wood in Sparable Wood over to the pond. He had asked villagers, via the Facebook page if any maintenance problems required attention in the village and for volunteers to assist the Parish Council. Unfortunately, he had not received any replies.

### Councillor Wilkinson

Toilet income for the month was £18.05. The Councillor had also received a cheque in the sum of £62.46 from Electricity North West representing the Wayleaves income. She highlighted the problem on Spenbrook Road, of widespread thick ice across the road which was caused by water running from the field onto the road. She also noted that a pink planning notice had not been displayed by PBC in respect of the new planning application in Newchurch.

### Councillor Cowell

He forwarded a report detailing his continuing search for a heritage type bus stop sign.

**8. PLAY AREA QUARTERLY INSPECTIONS**

Michael Astin had continued with the regular inspections, however due to the adverse weather conditions, the area had not been used regularly. Discussion was held relating to the condition of the play equipment, i.e. flaking paintwork and rusting. At the next quarterly report in April, this will be discussed as an agenda item.

**RESOLVED:**

That the information is noted.

**9. LENGTHSMAN**

Members discussed the scheme and it was noted that the service had deteriorated since the last discussion. It was highlighted that other contractors were available to complete any required works. It was proposed and seconded that the Parish Council withdraws from the scheme. A vote was taken and the majority voted to withdraw.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the Parish Council will withdraw from the Lengthsman scheme
- (b) Councillor Burt will advise Sabden Parish Council accordingly.

**10. PLANNING APPLICATION – 17/0755/HHO**

Members discussed the above planning application. Councillor Hudson advised that the Highways Department were asking for a condition to be included that due to the school, deliveries would not be made to the site before 9.00am or after 3pm.

**RESOLVED:**

That no objections or observations were made.

**11. CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

Councillor Wilkinson advised that twenty Christmas gifts had been delivered in 2017. It was discussed that attempts should be made to include all residents over 70 years of age. It was difficult, however, to identify all members in this category. It was suggested that this was included in the parish magazine and a notice be placed in the notice boards nearer the time. It was proposed and seconded that gifts continue to be provided this year. A vote was taken and the majority vote was upheld.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That gifts will be provided to residents over 70 years of age this year.
- (b) That attempts will be made to identify all residents over 70 years.

## **12. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS**

The financial transactions for the month of December were reviewed. Since the last meeting, payments totalling £135.93 have been made, including £47.96 shown on the agenda and £65.00 (Christmas gifts) and £22.97 (Batteries for Christmas Lights). Receipts of £18.05 (Toilet income) and £62.46 (Wayleaves Income) had been received.

### **RESOLVED:**

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

## **13. ROYAL AIRFORCE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS**

Members discussed the above celebrations. It was agreed that the barrier baskets would be used to display the RAF colours and that the school would be asked if they wished to become involved.

### **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the barrier baskets will display flowers in the RAF colours.
- (b) Councillor Burt will contact the school.
- (c) The Clerk will contact the RAF for any literature they can provide to support the project.

## **14. PARISH MAINTENANCE**

Members discussed jobs to be undertaken. It was agreed that the overhanging branches at the toilets should be cut and that the weeds from the toilet block to Goldshaw Court should be treated. Councillor Wakeford was asked what entitlement Sabden Fold had regarding grit. It was established that they should have one grit bin and two piles of grit, one at Haddings Lane and the other at Saddlers Hill. Due to the supply difficulties experienced, it was suggested that the Parish Council could collect the grit themselves from the Heasandford site. Councillor Wakeford is to check this and report back to Councillors Burt and Ryder by Friday of this week. If permission to collect the grit was refused, Councillor Ryder will purchase one tonne of rock salt locally, and he will deposit this in Sabden Fold with the help of Councillor Burt on Sunday. Councillor Wakeford will also make further enquiries as to the fence repair adjacent to Faughs Farm in Sabden Fold, which had been reported to LCC on numerous occasions.

### **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That Councillor Burt will contact Mick Waddington, the gardener, to obtain a price for the two jobs outlined above.
- (b) Councillor Ryder will collect one tonne of rock salt locally if it is unavailable from the LCC (Heasandford) site and the Parish Council will fund the cost.

**15. MEETING DATES**

The meeting dates for the forthcoming year were listed.

**RESOLVED:**

That the information is noted.

**16. BUDGET 2018/19**

Members discussed the budget figures. It was agreed that funds would be set aside towards the eventual refurbishment of the toilet block. This money would be ring fenced specifically for this purpose and similar amounts would be included in future budgets to ensure that funds are available when refurbishment is required, without impacting on general reserves. It was also agreed that the contingency fund would be increased from £200 to £500 to cover any additional works required. The resultant precept would be £6131.00 and this figure would be requested from PBC. It was proposed and seconded that the budget figures be accepted. A vote was taken with all Councillors voting in favour.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the budget figures were agreed.
- (b) That an amount of £200 would be ring fenced specifically towards eventual refurbishment of the toilets.
- (c) That a precept figure of £6131 would be requested from PBC.

**17. INSTALLATION OF TELEGRAPH POLES IN THE PENDLESIDE AONB**

Borough Councillor Starkie had previously advised members that 30 telegraph poles had been erected on Barley Lane, Barley by BT Openreach to install fibre optic cable, all had been erected without consultation. A large number of poles are scheduled to be erected across Pendleside. Although PBC advised that planning permission was not required, Councillor Starkie had met with the agencies involved to halt the process of erecting further poles in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty without consultation. He requested that the Parish Council give him a mandate offering their full support to him seeking an acceptable solution to the situation. It was proposed and seconded that this mandate be given to Borough Councillor Starkie. All Councillors were in favour.

**RESOLVED:**

That Borough Councillor Starkie is given the authority of the Parish Council to advise Barrowford and Western Parishes that it is unacceptable to erect the poles in an AONB and that alternative solutions must be sought.

**18. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

County Councillor Wakeford was asked to provide an update on the Speed Indicator Device. He advised members that it was ordered in November 2017; however, Barrowford Parish Council had been insistent that they be included in the scheme and due to the fact that other Councils thought that the cost may be prohibitive, the order was cancelled without his knowledge. It has since been decided that Barrowford Parish Council will obtain their own device and the order has been reinstated. It is anticipated that this should be received in approximately six week's time; however, he will try to expedite this. He will forward details of this to Councillors Burt and Ryder. When the device is received, the first installation would be in Newchurch.

He also advised that LCC are trialling a new method of filling pot holes. At present, they cannot be filled if the temperature falls below five degrees. The new injection method can be done when the temperature is less than five degrees and repairs are guaranteed for two years. LCC have ordered four of the required machines which should be received in February/March. It is hoped that in the long term, things will improve.

The new bus service is operational every two hours, however, it was noted that this does not seem to coincide with work or school times. As it is a new service, a review will be completed in due course and Councillor Wakeford will provide feedback on the comments.

**19. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- (a) Asset Register.
- (b) Councillors wish lists.

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm