

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

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

PRESENT-

Councillor Chris Burt - (Chairman)

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

1. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND VISITORS

The Chairman welcomed members and gave congratulations to Kathleen Wilkinson on the occasion of her 80th birthday. He informed the other Councillors he had presented Mrs Wilkinson with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Parish Council earlier that day.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Jennifer Sutcliffe and James Starkie.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

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

6. MATTERS ARISING (For information only)

Complaints over light pollution at Douglas Hall have been passed to PBC.

The barrier baskets will be made theft proof by Councillor Stuttard before the next meeting.

PBC are to undertake the maintenance work required on the footpath at Sparable Lane.

It has been agreed with the school, that tree planting will be carried out by pupils on Thursday 22nd March. It is hoped that, weather permitting, the main part of the tree planting will take place at 10.30am on Sunday 18 March 2018.

7. REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Carl Ryder

Several residents have made complaints about the lack of snow clearance, even though this is not the responsibility of the PC.

There has been a request to convert the gents toilet into a library run by the community. However, this is not considered practical.

For several months residents have submitted reports of a defective street lamp located at the top of Jinny Lane and Well Head Road, but this has yet to be fixed by LCC. The Chairman intends to escalate the complaint through County Councillor Wakeford.

There is still no appearance of the SPID (Speed Indicator device).

Councillor Wilkinson

Most traffic signs in the area require cleaning.

Toilet income for the month was £22.30.

8. POND IN SPARABLE WOOD

Recent vandalism has occurred at the pond. There has been damage to trees and equipment.

Jim Tunstill has asked that no plants are purchased for now and that this is postponed to a later date.

Consideration given for future planting around the pond.

RESOLVED:

Ongoing.

9. BEST KEPT VILLAGE

An email was received from a resident of Sabden Fold to say that they think they would be reluctant to enter the competition due to the amount of perceived work that would be necessary. Councillors think that Sabden Fold should be entered in order to encourage participation by the entire Parish.

A vote was taken to enter Sabden Fold into the BKVC. The motion was carried by a majority.

RESOLVED:

- (a) Sabden Fold to be entered onto the BKV competition.
- (b) Councillor Wilkinson to be BKV Coordinator.

10. WISH LIST

Part of Councillor Wilkinson's wish list is to be dealt with as on-going maintenance.

Additional things discussed:

Painting of the two sets of railings at Nanny Maud.

Boulders / bollards on verge outside school

Surfacing of footpath between Gorrell Close and Osborne Terrace

Non-slip paint to be applied to toilet block floor.

RESOLVED:

Councillor Cowell to investigate appropriate verge treatment and associated costs. Councillor Ryder to obtain a quote for the paint. He will approach a local company to obtain a quote to prepare railings for painting and another to actually paint the railings. Other items to be considered for Capital Grants.

11. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

The financial transactions for the month of February 2018 were reviewed. Since the last meeting, payments totalling £792.91 have been made, including £762.91 shown on the agenda and £15 x 2 for Best Kept Village Competition entries. Receipts of £22.30 (Toilet income) had been received.

RESOLVED:

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

12. ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEVERE WEATHER

Councillors thanked Carl Ryder for arranging the snow clearance on Heights Lane and Nanny Maud Brow through Latham Brothers.

Fence PC will be asked for a contribution to the costs incurred due to part of the road being situated within their boundary.

Due to the type of easterly weather system encountered, it was not possible to keep the roads clear until the winds dropped.

Residents have requested that any snow clearance and future proposed gritting carried out by the PC should involve a circular route including Sabden Fold/Well Head Road. This is to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting, including drawing up a contingency plan to put into action should a similar weather event occur and for an increase in precept to be considered to cover associated costs.

RESOLVED:

This matter will be an agenda item next month.

13. PARISH MAINTENANCE

The Chairman met with a local contractor and obtained a quote of £175 to clear a bank of brambles above the path next to Boskins, also to 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.

The Chairman has volunteered to order a tonne of hardcore [MOT Grade 1] and a ton of 20mm gravel and spread on PROW that runs from Osborne Terrace to the field alongside the sewerage works. Carl Ryder kindly offered the use of a wacker plate.

RESOLVED:

- (a) Mick Waddington will be asked to complete the work quoted for.
- (b) Councillor Burt will carry out the work on the PROW.

14. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

None

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

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

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th April 2018

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Councillor Cowell.