

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

MINUTES OF GOLDSHAW BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST. MARYS SCHOOL, NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE ON TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2017.

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 and thanked all those who attended the Remembrance Day Service.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were 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 10th October 2017, be approved as a correct record.

6. MATTERS ARISING (For information only)

Councillor Burt reported that the overhanging branches above the toilets have still not been attended to by the lengthsman. The new notice board for Spenbrook had been delivered and erected by the Chairman and Councillor Stuttard. The notice board in Newchurch will now be removed for approximately one week whilst door repairs are carried out. It was reported that Parish Council notices are being removed to make room for other notices from outside bodies. Whilst there is no objection to other Parishes using the board, it was agreed that a notice would be included in the Parish news asking that Parish Council material is not removed. Councillor Burt also advised that he had written to request that the £250 allocated to the Parish Council for the

upkeep of PROW (Public Rights Of Way) be forwarded to the Parish Council if it is available next year.

Comment was made that the pavement sweeper does not attend the area as regularly as it should, however Borough Councillor Starkie advised that there was a thirteen week schedule for sweeping from Pendle Borough Council. He will check with PBC and report back at the next meeting.

Councillor Stuttard has not had a response from LCC to his request regarding the road sign defect on Wellhead Road and will seek an update with County Councillor Wakeford. Councillor Cowell has not had a response from LCC regarding the heritage type bus stop signs and he will also contact Councillor Wakeford to clarify the current position.

7. REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cowell

Reported that he had updated the asset register and plotted all assets on a parish map. He is awaiting a second map to finalise this.

Councillor Ryder

Reported that the bonfire had been a success and had been well attended.

Residents had approached him to discuss a scheme for donating/buying a tree with remembrance plaques when the replanting is done in Sparable Wood and that some residents would help with the replanting. It was also mentioned that any trees at the bottom of the wood would be replaced but recommended that no further trees are added. The outcome of the bid for 420 one foot tall saplings from the Woodland Trust to replace the ash trees would hopefully be known in December and it was agreed to list this item as an agenda item in December to discuss in detail. The children at the school had helped with planting originally and it was agreed that the school would be approached once details had been finalised.

A resident had offered to plant the troughs in the village next year, which would save the Parish Council considerable expense. The offer was greatly received.

There still seems to be a problem with dog fouling in the village and on the path from Newchurch to Spenbrook. Councillor Ryder will put up further notices around the village. Councillor Burt will contact PBC regarding the emptying of rubbish bins around the village.

Councillor Stuttard

Reported that he had erected the new notice board in Spenbrook and it was agreed that the old board would be removed. Councillor Wilkinson will attend to this.

Councillor Donovan

Reported the same issue with dog fouling and emptying of bins. He also mentioned that as usual, there were few volunteers to build the bonfire. It would be nice to see some more volunteers.

Councillor Wilkinson

Toilet income for the month was £45.37. Hand towels and toilet rolls had been needed and therefore, she had written a cheque to purchase these. She will be reimbursed when the invoice is received. The Clerk will telephone Duckworth's, the suppliers, to ascertain if they can be paid online and will obtain a quote from North Valley Supplies for further orders. It was noted that Barley PC had reported the coin boxes on the toilets and car park had been tampered with. The weeds in the roadside channels still required attention.

8. POND ON PLAYING FIELD

Councillor Hudson updated members on the work done to date. The village volunteer had purchased an industrial strimmer and had now cleared lots of the area. The drainpipe had been lowered in an attempt to retain the water. It was suggested that the unused tree stumps at the side of the church yard be utilised to make stepping stones to the pond and that two benches had been made. Councillor Hudson will obtain information and pricing for information boards detailing what might be seen in the pond. Councillor Ryder offered to dig out the pond further; this will allow an informed decision on whether a liner is required. Any volunteers wishing to assist Jim Tunstill are asked to contact him directly.

RESOLVED:

That the information is noted.

9. ASSET REGISTER

The asset register had been updated and plotted on a large scale map. The Chairman thanked Councillor Cowell for all the work he had done. The Chairman together with the Clerk will discuss the register and make recommendations on insured items and report back to the full Council when a decision will be made. Councillor Wilkinson will ascertain the cost price of the finger post at the junction of Haddings Lane and Lower Lane.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members discussed the procedure when planning applications were received by the Parish Council. It was agreed when any applications are received, a vote will be taken on approval or otherwise.

RESOLVED:

That the item is noted.

11. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

The financial transactions for the month of October were reviewed. Since the last meeting, payments totalling £1103.28 have been made, consisting of £1098.28 which was published on the agenda and one further amount of £5.00 (M & J Garden Care) received after the publication. The recent invoice from M & J Garden Care had been reduced by £45 due to a reward scheme for extra work. Receipts of £45.37 (Toilet income) had been received.

RESOLVED:

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

12. PARISH MAINTENANCE

There were no new jobs identified, however there are outstanding jobs that the lengthsman had not yet completed. Leaves at the roadside still needed clearing by PBC. Councillor Ryder is to obtain an estimate for next year's jobs from M & J Garden Care. The Lengthsman scheme will be an agenda item for December to agree if the Parish Council is to remain in the scheme for the following year.

RESOLVED:

That the item is noted.

13. FOREST OF BOWLAND/PENDLE HILL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

Borough Councillor Starkie reported on the Pendle Hill Conservation Partnership. The final bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund had now been made and a decision should be known by December. It has been a multi agency approach. A meadows and wild flowers project had just been completed and it was thought that Pendleside Villages could allocate bankings or small patches of land for wild flower planting. The banking in Spenbrook, where the new notice board had been erected, would be an ideal start. Councillor Ryder will trim the area and Councillor Wilkinson will rake and plant the seeds. Borough Councillor Starkie will speak to the person involved with the meadows and report back at the next meeting. It is thought that this could also be included in the RAF centenary celebrations next year.

14. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Borough Councillor Starkie had nothing further to report. County Councillor Wakeford was not in attendance.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Parish Maintenance.
Woodland Trust Decision.
Lengthsman Scheme.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.