

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

MINUTES OF GOLDSHAW BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST. MARYS SCHOOL, NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE ON 10TH OCTOBER 2017.

PRESENT-

Councillor Chris Burt - (Chairman)

Councillors: Robert Donovan, 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. ONE MINUTE SILENCE

Members observed one minute of silence in memory of ex parish councillor Bob Robbins.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andy Cowell and Chris Hudson.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2017, be approved as a correct record.

7. MATTERS ARISING (For information only)

Councillor Burt reported that the broken fence on Well Head Road is still to be fixed by LCC. The over-hanging branches above the toilets require trimming back by the lengthsman. The nettles on Footpath 38 by Spenbrook Mill had now been cut back. He had looked at the conifers by the toilet block as the PC had received a request to either prune or remove them but felt that the work was not necessary at the moment and therefore the cost could not be justified.

Councillors held a site visit with Jim Tunstill and agreed that work should start and as Councillor Hudson is the liaison Councillor, he will update members at the November meeting.

8. REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Burt

Reported that he had attended a meeting of Barrowford and Western Parishes where the application 17/0469/FUL had been approved by Councillors. He had received an email and had a subsequent meeting with a Newchurch couple informing the Council of an isolated incident of low level anti social behaviour.

Simon Gilbert, the manufacturer of the Newchurch notice board, intends to remove the board for a period of one week, to carry out adjustments to the sticking doors. The new Spenbrook notice board will be ready shortly and Councillors Stuttard and Burt would erect the board with assistance from Councillor Ryder.

He reported that he had contacted the Cleansing Department who would attend to the sweeping of pavements between Spenbrook and Newchurch on Friday, 13th October.

Councillor Stuttard

He has identified incorrect road signing at the junction of Well Head Road and Spenbrook Road, Newchurch. County Councillor Wakeford will report the defect to the appropriate LCC department.

Councillor Ryder

Reported that a resident had enquired about the speed indicator device. He also advised that people had been in his field early one morning and that a large group had been in the graveyard in the early hours on Saturday/Sunday making noise. The flags on Sparable Lane required jet washing and he will endeavour to complete this work in the near future. Latham Bros had cut the hedges, however the hedge on the footpath by Spenbrook Mill still needs cutting by the lengthsman.

Councillor Donovan

He reported that he had met with Spenbrook resident Michael Astin to discuss the results of the Annual Playground inspection. They had viewed the equipment, discussed the report and its findings. Monitoring of the equipment will continue to take place and the item will be reported quarterly on the agenda.

He continues to make weekly checks of the water temperatures in the public toilets and his findings reveal no concerns. The weekly checks will continue.

Councillor Wilkinson

The Councillor reported that the toilet income for September 2017 was £37.35. The weeds in the carriageway channels in Newchurch, from the Slaughterhouse still require attention. She requested that the bench and flags be moved prior to the bonfire to enable trimming in the graveyard. She has been asked by a resident to ascertain the current position regarding high speed broadband. County Councillor Wakeford reported that this has been a three year issue in Roughlee and Borough Councillor Starkie advised that whilst progress has been slow, instigation of the service was now imminent. It was hoped that the service would be extended to Newchurch and Spenbrook in the near future.

Councillor Cowell

He reported that he had updated the Asset Register and will map each item on a base plan. He had submitted a request to LCC to change the bus stop signs to the heritage type.

9. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

No progress has yet been made but Councillor Ryder will enquire as to the current position.

RESOLVED:

A report will be provided at the December meeting.

10. ASH DIE BACK IN SPARABLE WOOD

The Chairman reported that many ash trees are affected and Lee Johnson the PBC Senior Environmental Officer had advised him that he could apply to The Woodland Trust for 420 free saplings. An application had been submitted to the Woodland Trust and their decision would hopefully be provided in December. If successful, the trees would arrive in March 2018 and volunteers will be required as they will have to be planted within a couple of weeks. The affected ash trees will also need to be removed.

11. BUS STOP SIGNS/RESUMPTION OF BUS SERVICE

County Councillor Wakeford advised members that it had been agreed at the last LCC meeting that the bus service through Newchurch will resume. The service is currently out to tender and it is anticipated that the service will resume on a two hourly basis during December 2017. He also advised that Councillor Cowell had submitted a request to LCC regarding the heritage type signs and if permission is granted, costs will be sought.

RESOLVED:

That the items are noted.

12. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

Members discussed whether the monies available from LCC for Public Rights of Way should be forwarded directly to the Parish Council. The Chairman advised that he had spoken to Burnley Ramblers and Burnley and Pendle Ramblers, both organisations undertook to report any overgrown vegetation directly to him. The meeting was informed that the £250 available must be ring fenced and used for overgrown vegetation only, not repairs.

RESOLVED:

That a request be made to LCC to forward the funds directly to the Parish Council from next year.

13. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Members discussed the youth engagement programme.

RESOLVED:

That this item is not required to be a monthly agenda item, due to the low number of youths residing in the area.

14. ROYAL AIR FORCE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Members discussed whether they wished to promote Royal Air Force in Bloom Centenary Celebrations in April 2018.

RESOLVED:

That this item be added to the January 2018 agenda to discuss planting a flower bed in RAF colours.

15. ASSET REGISTER

The Asset Register had been updated by Councillor Cowell and members were asked to forward any items for amendment to the Clerk.

RESOLVED:

This item will be discussed on the November agenda.

16. PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT

Councillor Donovan discussed the report and advised that all items that had been highlighted for attention were either low or very low risk. All items that required attention had been diligently attended to by Michael Astin, who had identified the minor defects before receiving the report.

It was acknowledged that Michael Astin had repaired the items at no cost to the Council and his conscientious commitment should be acknowledged. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to him expressing thanks on behalf of the council.

RESOLVED:

That the information was noted.

17. EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk presented the results of the Internal Audit Report and discussion took place on any issues arising.

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Return and certificate were approved and accepted by the Council.

18. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS – SIX MONTHLY BUDGET COMPARISON

The financial transactions for the month of September were reviewed. Since the last meeting, payments totalling £537.52 have been made, consisting of £226.02 which was published on the agenda and four further amounts of £120.00 and £65.00 (J Waine – Mowing) £108.00 (Latham Brothers, hedge cutting) and £18.50 (Royal British Legion Wreath), received after the publication. Receipts of £37.35 (Toilet income) had been received.

The six monthly figures were discussed.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the financial transactions are approved.
- (b) That the income and expenditure book and six monthly figures were noted.

19. PARISH MAINTENANCE

Members discussed any jobs for the coming month. It was noted that on the wall by the side of the Boskins, stone had become detached and that the trough needed some attention, however, it was not the responsibility of the Parish Council. The lengthsman will be asked to attend to the weeds on Spenbrook Road. No further work was identified. The Chairman had received a timesheet from the Lengthsman Scheme for weed killing and he is to take this up with Angela Whitwell.

20. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Borough Councillor Starkie reported that the Landscape Partnership continues to provide conservation information, and promote the sustainable social and economic

development of the area, particularly where such activity conserves and enhances the environment.

There are currently consultations underway regarding recycling collection and the Boundary Commission Review. He also advised that all Council shops/counters are closed and no longer accept cash payments. He will be in attendance at the Remembrance Sunday service.

County Councillor Christian Wakeford reported that the Speed Indicator Device had now been ordered at a cost of £2968.00. Each Parish will be required to contribute £42.20, including the cost of the bracket. It is anticipated that the device should be available in about six weeks with installation around the beginning of December. The device will be shared on a fortnightly basis between Newchurch, Roughlee, Barley, Higham and Higherford.

He also advised that Community Roadwatch Teams have been established which involves police working together with local communities at sites where residents are concerned about road safety. Volunteers are trained to work with local officers addressing the problem of vehicles exceeding the speed limit etc. A restructure is currently taking place at LCC with a full council meeting on the 26th October 2017.

21. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Parish Maintenance.
Asset Register.
Planning Applications.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th November 2017.

The meeting closed at. 8:35pm.