

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

MINUTES OF GOLDSHAW BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST. MARYS SCHOOL, NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE ON 12th SEPTEMBER 2017.

PRESENT-

Councillor Chris Burt - (Chairman)

Councillors: Andy Cowell, Robert Donovan, Chris Hudson, Carl Ryder, Chris Stuttard, and Kathleen Wilkinson. In Attendance: Borough Councillor James Starkie and two members of the public.

1. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND VISITORS

The Chairman welcomed members.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Two members of the public were present, Mr and Mrs William Lancaster.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wakeford and Jennifer Sutcliffe

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th August 2017, be approved as a correct record.

6. MATTERS ARISING (For information only)

Councillor Cowell reported that work on the asset register has not yet started, however he firstly intends to map all assets once a detailed plan of the area can be obtained.

Councillor Donovan reported that the volunteer has commenced the inspection programme for play areas and that no issues have arisen.

Councillor Burt reported that the lengthsman has cut the verges on Jinny Lane but the broken fence on Well Head Road is yet to be fixed by LCC.

7. REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Burt

Reported that he had finished clearing the wall on Spenbrook Road with further help from Alan Taylor. The over-hanging branches above the toilets require trimming back by the lengthsman and the hedges require cutting between Spenbrook and Newchurch by Latham Brothers.

He reported that he had attended a meeting of Barrowford and Western Parishes and councillors had voted to accept an application to change of use of building to a dwelling house. This application will now go to committee.

Councillor Wilkinson

Reported that the toilet income for August 2017 was £64.24. The weeds in the carriageway channels in Newchurch require attention.

Councillor Ryder

Reported that the conifers near the toilet block require attention.

Councillor Hudson

Reported that he met with the volunteer to talk about future work on the pond and that a site meeting is to be arranged with Councillors to discuss the works. A site meeting has been arranged with councillors for Saturday 30 September to discuss the matter. The volunteer has made two benches to be donated for the pond area. A resident has reported the mill gates are not padlocked but the owner has been made aware.

8. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The website updates are ongoing.

RESOLVED:

A report will be provided next month.

9. BONFIRE

Members discussed whether or not a bonfire will be held this year.

RESOLVED:

That a bonfire will be held, with further details to be confirmed in due course.

10. ASH DIE BACK IN SPARABLE WOOD

Many ash trees are affected and The Chairman had a meeting with Lee Johnson the Senior Environmental Officer and Carl Ryder to discuss the possible alternatives to a correct course of action. Thoughts are to remove ones nearest to the path first and in

spring time, assess the situation once there is new growth to help determine the extent of the problem.

RESOLVED:

That further research will be undertaken and the results will be reported back to the next meeting.

11. BUS STOP SIGNS

Some councillors would like to see conservation type signs to replace the existing ones.

RESOLVED:

Await decision on bus service.

12. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW) – RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

Members discussed whether an offer should be made to Ramblers Associations for them to inform us if there is vegetation that needs to be cut on a PROW within our Parish.

Additionally, it was thought that the £250 made available every year from LCC for PROW maintenance is considered at next month's meeting. Members are asked to decide on whether the monies should be forwarded directly to the Parish Council instead of through the scheme administered by Sabden Parish Council.

RESOLVED:

That the item will be discussed at next month's meeting.

13. BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES REPRESENTATIVE

Members discussed a replacement deputy representative.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Wilkinson volunteered to deputise.

14. REMEMBRANCE DAY WREATH

RESOLVED:

That a wreath will be obtained from Councillor Starkie and a donation of £20 will be made to The British Legion.

15. FIELDS IN TRUST SUBSCRIPTION

Councillors discussed the merits of being in the scheme.

RESOLVED:

That the subscription cease for now.

16. PLANNING APPLICATION – 17/0469/FUL

Councillors raised concerns over Footpath 38 being affected. Also customers parking on the highway, when the car park becomes full and the negative effects of any future expansion. It was agreed that Pendle Borough Council Planning department will be advised that the skip for dog waste should be screened.

RESOLVED:

That no objections were to be reported.

17. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

The financial transactions for the month of August were reviewed. Since the last meeting, payments totalling £818.00 have been made, consisting of £565.00 which was published on the agenda and two further amounts of £120.00 and £133.00 (J Waine – Mowing), received after the publication. Receipts of £64.24 (Toilet income) had been received.

RESOLVED:

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

18. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Starkie reported that Roughlee and Newchurch are working together on Halloween planning.

19. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Ash die back in Sparable Wood

Bus stop signs/bus service resumption

PROW funding from LCC

PC Website

Parish Maintenance

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th October 2017.

The minutes were taken by Councillor Andy Cowell.

The meeting closed at. 8:45pm.