

**The following is a summary of the main points discussed at the Parish council meeting on the 9th January, 2018.**

**Councillor Report**

It was noted that there is a water leak, probably from a land drain, in the playing field that is causing flood damage. Alan Taylor has kindly agreed to try and deal with this problem and he will let the PC know either when he has been successful or if he thinks further work is necessary by a specialist contractor.

Parish councillors complained to County Councillor Christian Wakeford about the lack of gritting on the road in and out of Sabden Fold, which he entirely accepted. The PC feels that the lack of action by Lancashire County Council, whose responsibility it is should not impact on the residents any longer. It was decided at the meeting that the PC will take the step of purchasing grit, paid for out of its own reserves, and fill the grit bin in Sabden Fold and put grit in a lay-by on Haddings Lane and Saddlers Hill. Hopefully this will be completed by Sunday 14 January.

Since the PC meeting Christian Wakeford has made great progress in chasing up the relevant departments in LCC and we are pleased to say that grit has now been provided to Sabden Fold.

**Play Area Quarterly Inspections**

The ongoing checks of the play equipment reveal no immediate concerns or required actions at this time. The Legionella checks on the water temperatures within the toilet facilities show no concerns.

**Lengthsman Scheme**

The PC voted to leave the scheme as soon as possible and will arrange for another contractor to complete parish maintenance.

**Planning Application 17/0755/HHO**

There were no objections to this application at 5 Newchurch.

**Christmas Gifts**

The PC voted to present Christmas gifts to the over 70's for 2018. As there is an administrative problem about identifying the over 70's, all those residents who will have reached the age of 70 by Christmas 2018 are requested to make themselves known to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible. Email: [clerk@goldshawbooth.org.uk](mailto:clerk@goldshawbooth.org.uk) or 07977 913090.

**Royal Air Force Centenary Celebrations**

In line with a request from the RAF to mark the above, the PC decided to plant the flower baskets in the RAF colours.

## **Parish Maintenance**

The flags at the front of the toilet block have been cleaned and will be consequently less slippery. Some overhanging branches at the back of the toilet block will be trimmed and encroaching vegetation onto the roof will be cut back. The job will hopefully be completed in the next week or so.

## **Budget 2018/19**

The PC voted to set a precept of £6,131 for 2018/19. This means that on a Band D property, the current council tax that is raised for our Parish will increase from £47.93 to £54.11 per year. An increase of £6.18 per year.

## **Reports from Borough and County Councillor's**

James Starkie reported on the installation of telegraph poles in the local area by BT to provide high speed broadband connection. He wants the connection to be provided by laying cables underground and wishes the PC to formerly give him his support. The PC were pleased to do this and we wish him well in his endeavours.

## **Christian Wakeford**

He gave us an update on the provision of the Speed Indicator Device and the reason for its delay. He confirmed the order has now been made and we expect to be in receipt of it within 6 weeks.

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