

The following is a summary of the main points discussed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017

To Goldshaw Booth Parish Residents

### Public Questions

A resident of Newchurch attended the meeting to bring to the attention of the Council the matter of the condition of the pond and access to it. To encourage visitors, more wildlife and its regeneration, the resident offered to clean the pond and improve access. The Council thanked the resident and in addition to the offer the Council has agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting with a view to undertaking further work at the site.

### Matters Arising From Previous Meeting

The notice board near to the church is to be relocated to Sabden Fold shortly .The verge has been cut between Newchurch and Spenbrook and along Nanny Maud.

### Reports From Councillors

Cllr Burt reported that he has cut the hedge outside Sparable House following a request and that the wall has been repaired between the top field and Sparable Wood. He also reported that Burnley Ramblers Association had donated £150 towards the maintenance of the toilets in Newchurch. The Parish Council will write a letter of thanks.

Cllr Hudson reported that BT has upgraded telecom links to Spenbrook in the form of fibre-optic cabling.

Cllr Donovan reported that the traditional finger post/sign in Newchurch requires cleaning and that he will fit a new lock and chain on the gate to the top playing field.

### Agenda Items

Councillors discussed at length the merits of the lengthsman scheme and agreed to reduce the number of working hours paid into the scheme, with a view to using other contractors to supplement this. Councillors feel that this would be beneficial in terms of completing works expediently.

Councillors discussed this year's bid for capital funding. It was agreed to apply for funding for a new noticeboard in Spenbrook and safety fencing at the pond.