

The following is a summary of the main points covered at the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 13 March 2018.

The Chairman gave congratulations to Kathleen Wilkinson on the occasion of her 80th birthday. He had presented a bouquet of flowers from everyone at the Parish Council earlier in the day.

Reports From Councillors

The main items for discussion was the blockage of Spenbrook Road due to drifting snow on Thursday, 1 March. Some residents had complained about the lack of a response from LCC. However the road was cleared on Friday 2 March after the Parish Council through the action of Carl Ryder contacted local contractors and organised for the road to be cleared. Strictly speaking, the roads are not our responsibility, but we did this and have paid for the clearance for the greater good of the parish.

Pond In Sparable Wood

There has been some vandalism to the pond during the recent cold weather. This meant that Jim Tunstill who is rejuvenating the pond also cleared up the damage caused. This is unfair on him and to the wider community and we hope that the people responsible will reflect on their actions and not repeat them.

Best Kept Village Competition

Kathleen Wilkinson has agreed to be the co coordinator for the competition. The entries for this year will be Newchurch In Pendle and Spenbrook as one entry and Sabden Fold as another. Sabden Fold's entry was decided on by a vote and was carried by a majority.

Arrangements for Severe Weather

It was felt that the PC should discuss a procedure to be followed for future blocked roads due to heavy snowfall. It was requested by Carl Ryder that the PC should discuss employing a private contractor for gritting the road between Newchurch and Sabden Fold. This important issue will be discussed next month.