

Present: Chris Burt, Chris Hudson, Kathleen Wilkinson, Carl Ryder, Andy Cowell

1. Visitors: Bob Donovan, Chris Stuttard
2. Apologies Cllr. James Starkie
3. Declarations of interest None
4. Approval of Minutes from 10th January 2017. Under section 8b, CH requested an amendment to clarify that the precept required was £5,431.
Minutes accepted and signed.

5. Matters Arising:

CB: PBC has agreed to put another dog waste bin on the fence at Jinny Lane by the stile into the field and the fence owner has agreed. CB has put up 2 notices concerning dog fouling, one at the stile and the other at the stile entering the wood at the top of Barley Bank Farm. PBC Dog Warden has confirmed that dog faeces can be disposed of, in bags, in ordinary litter bins.

6. No questions.

7. Reports:

CB report: The new noticeboard has now been delivered and will be put into place in the middle of Newchurch as soon as possible. CB has ensured that PBC will sweep the path between Spenbrook and Newchurch on a regular basis.
CB has donated a water butt for the use of watering plants in Newchurch.

KW report: Collection from Newchurch toilets for January was £27.61 which included a £10 donation from a Roughlee couple.

The Christmas star had been returned to storage in the toilets.

KW had purchased a brush and shovel for sweeping up in Newchurch.

CH report: Concerned about the litter in the layby on the hill of Spenbrook Road. CH will contact Pendle BC about moving the bin opposite St. Mary's Church to the layby and emptying it. CB to help if needed.

CR report: Will most likely erect new notice board in Newchurch this weekend, weather permitting.

Parking problems at St. Mary's School: there is probably little chance of extending the layby, AC said there is little space available. CH said occasionally parents park on yellow lines but otherwise, where they park they are not breaking the law. CR will contact PC Mark Dibb about speaking to parents.

Re. concerns about speeding on this section of road, evidence should be provided by the SID, once installed. No further information on this has been received to date.

Re. the overgrown area of garden on Sparable Lane, KW confirmed it belonged to the houseowner. CR will speak to them about clearing it and ask if they need assistance.

Concerned about erosion further down Sparable Lane, where concrete section ends. This needs to be monitored. It could be the responsibility of LCC.

A resident has requested a wider margin of uncut grass around football pitch to benefit wildlife. It was thought there already was sufficient margin. CR will thank resident for suggestion.

CR will erect notices concerning dog fouling in Sparable Wood. The Lengthsman has cut down more trees in Sparable Wood but there are some left to do. He has also cut bush outside toilets. CR has requested another bush to be pruned at same location and to trim brambles down Jinny Lane.

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CB to monitor

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AC report: Re. new street lamps, AC and other councillors not keen on them because of reduced light but they are not likely to be uninstalled by complaining. It may be that more need to be installed to compensate, although this is also unlikely.

8. Agenda Items

8a: Councillor vacancy: Chris Stuttard expressed an interest to serve but would prefer to postpone this for a few weeks. Bob Donovan was prepared to serve. He was duly proposed by CH, seconded by KW and was immediately co-opted to fill the vacancy.

8b: Sabden Fold Notice Board: It is hoped a new notice board can be provided in Spenbrook in the new financial year from the capital grant. Although there has not been a notice board in Sabden Fold, councillors believed one should be erected there as well. Further discussion took place about the siting of a board in Sabden Fold, the possible recycling of the Spenbook or Newchurch board and a site visit by councillors. It was suggested an item was put in the Parish Newsletter.

8c: Re. Tourist Map Repair: AC has contacted the person who made the original and it is possible to get a reprint. He is waiting for an estimate and a decision will be made once the cost is known. CH queried whether the frame needed replacing. Apparently the map has been removed and is in Witches Galore. BD will consult with Witches Galore.

8d: Capital Funding Bid 2017: Councillors requested to think about what the bid should be; 2 notice boards would cost around £2,000. This will be an April agenda item.

8e: Review of Standing Orders: SOs are in two categories, general and financial. A few are obligatory by law in the general category, eg. less than 3 councillors at Parish Council meeting renders it inquorate. No amendments deemed necessary in this category. The financial category could be updated to permit internet banking. CB had consulted the LALC to try to get further information about any regulations regarding this. After discussion, councillors were requested to consider the issue and also the merits of re-joining the LALC (annual membership cost approximately £41). CB will speak to Yorkshire Bank.

8f: Annual Parish Meeting: Discussion took place about the format and timing of this year's Annual Parish Meeting. Suggestions were made as to how more residents might be encouraged to attend. It was agreed that the meeting could be held on the same evening as the monthly Parish Council Meeting. Suggested this item be put into the Parish Newsletter.

9. Financial Report:

Balance of £4,177.58 as at 30th January 2017.

Invoices paid:	S. Gilbert (Joinery)	£990.00
	K.Wilkinson (reimbursement)	£10.00
	C.Ryder (reimbursement)	£58.33

10. Reports from Borough and County Councillors: No Borough or County Councillors present.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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Agenda Item

