

The following is a summary of the main points that were discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 10 October 2017.

There was a one minute silence to show our respect for Bob Robbins who served with distinction, as a parish councillor, who passed away earlier this month.

Matters Arising from PC meeting held on 12 September 2017.

It was decided not to cut the two conifer trees at the front of the toilet block as it would mean removing both trees and arranging for replacements and it was thought that such a job is not needed yet. Additionally, the council does not have the budget for a job of this size.

Parish Councillors and Mr Jim Tunstill had a site meeting about the pond in Sparable Wood and decided on a plan of action which will start soon.

Reports from Councillors

Christopher Burt reported that he had met with a couple in Newchurch who had told him they had been the subject of anti social behaviour. Someone had entered their side gate and emptied a load of rubbish into their bin and they have had an egg thrown at their window. The residents wanted the PC to know about this and to inform other residents of what has happened so if similar behaviour is repeated then the relevant authorities can be informed.

The joiner who made the noticeboard in Newchurch will take it back to his workshop for about a week for repairs, so do not be alarmed by its removal.

Carl Ryder reported that the hedges on Spenbrook Road have been cut by Latham Brother following his request on behalf of the PC.

Ash Die Back In Sparable Wood

Christopher Burt reported that he has followed the advice of Lee Johnson, the Environmental Officer from Pendle Borough Council and applied for 420 small saplings from the Woodland Trust to be planted in Sparable Wood to replace the ash trees that have caught the disease. The application has to be agreed by the Trust and if successful then we should receive them in March 2018.

Resumption Of Bus Service

We have been informed by County Councillor Christian Wakeford that Newchurch and Spenbrook have had their bus service reinstated. It is hoped to start a two hourly bus service in December 2017.

Public Rights Of Way [PROW]

The PC voted to ask LCC to have their payment for the maintenance of PROW's paid directly to them.

Play area Inspection Report

Bob Donovan gave a full report on the recent inspection and the meeting he subsequently had with Michael Astin, who is the public spirited volunteer who conducts the regular checks of the playground equipment. The findings of the report conducted by Pendle Council were identified as either low or very low risk.

Reports from Borough and County Councillors

James Starkie gave details on the proposal to change the collection of recycling bins from fortnightly to 4 weekly because of budgetary reasons.

Christian Wakeford was pleased to announce that the Speed Indicator Device [SPID] has now been ordered and will be in operation at the start of December 2017 and it will first be used in our Parish.