

To Goldshaw Booth Parish Residents,

Our e-mail to residents aims to inform you of the main points of the last Parish meeting on 8th December 2015. Goldshaw Booth Parish Council is not aware of any other similar scheme in the area which aids communication and transparency between the Parish Council and residents as to what happens at our meetings and action that is taken on the residents' behalf. This communication is not instead of the formal minutes that are placed on the Parish council website but is additional to them.

Public Questions.

Mr Carl Ryder informed the council that a Public Right of Way [PROW] was blocked in the woods above Barley Bank Farm, Roughlee due to a fallen tree. This has been reported to Lancashire County Council [LCC] who have confirmed they will deal with it.

The public question raised by Mr Ryder raised the important issue about reporting blockages or damage to PROW. Any resident who notices any issues can report them to Lancashire County Council by using their website. Go to www.lancashire.gov.uk. Click the tab 'Report Highway fault', put postcode, parish name or street name, click 'go to whole postcode area' and lastly 'Public Right of Way'. You can then accurately identify the area of obstruction and complete the pop up box. You will then receive a confirmatory e-mail from LCC.

Best Kept Village Competition

Councillor Chris Burt has been delegated to produce a report on how best to improve our position in next year's competition. Initial thoughts are that councillors will be asked to volunteer for particular areas of responsibility within the Parish. The report will be hopefully ready by the next Parish meeting. Any resident who has any suggestions for this scheme please contact the Parish clerk or Chairman.

Lengthsman Scheme

No hours were completed for this scheme during November. Please remember that residents can let the Parish Clerk or Chairman know if they see any jobs that need attending to.

Planning Application

The planning application for an agricultural building at Douglas Hall on Spenbrook Road has been rejected by Pendle Council.

Millennium Garden

The council received a communication from Mr and Mrs Sumner saying that they no longer wish to be involved with the planning of this garden due to work commitments. Goldshaw Booth Parish Council will now assume responsibility for this ongoing project. The chairman has already planted bulbs in pots to be used and will consult with Philip Hardman about plans for the project.

Parking Bays at Spenbrook

Plans have been drawn up and agreed and will be completed early next year.

Report from Borough Councillor James Starkie

The report concentrated on his launch, together with County Councillor Christian Wakeford of the Save Our Camp School [SOCS] campaign to keep open Whitehough Outdoor Centre. The council gave their full support.

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