

To Goldshaw Booth Parish Residents,

Our email to residents is to inform you of the main points dealt with at the Parish council meeting on 12th January 2016.

Public Questions

A resident informed the Parish Council about illegal parking in Newchurch and asked for the Council's help in resolving this. The Council also had received a written complaint from another resident about the same subject. It was agreed to forward the written complaint to the local police and ask them to deal with it appropriately.

Another question from a resident was to ask for the Council's support to protest against the removal of the local bus service, due to budgetary cuts by Lancashire County Council (LCC). It was agreed to send a letter to Andrew Stephenson MP and LCC in support of this request.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

We are pleased to announce that Mr Carl Ryder has been co opted as a Parish Councillor.

Best Kept Village Competition

The full report on our two villages in the above competition in 2015 is available to the public and can be accessed by going to www.goldshawbooth.org.uk, then go to the news section and about three quarters of the way down the page is the article 'Competition for Newchurch in Pendle and Spenbrook'. We urge residents to read this in full. Cllr. Chris Burt has produced a report with suggestions designed to improve our places in the competition, which is being considered by other councillors and will be discussed again at the next Parish Council meeting on 9th February.

Lengthsman Scheme

There were no hours worked under this scheme during December. We have received a request from a resident to clear the weeds outside the toilet block and to wash the flags, which are slippery. The Council agreed to refer this to the Lengthsman.

Christmas Gifts for over 70s

20 residents over 70 received a gift from the Council.

Dog Fouling

This situation still has not improved. Can residents who see dog owners allowing their pets to foul our beautiful villages please inform the Council with the name of the guilty party.

Precept and Related Matters

Goldshaw Booth will not receive any grant from Pendle Borough Council in the year 2016/17 and the Parish Council has proposed to raise the precept by a corresponding amount. If the Council does not increase the Precept by the same amount, the services we provide will suffer and the Council does not want that to happen.

Update on LCC Cuts

The Council received a report from Borough Councillor James Starkie on the scale of the likely budgetary cuts by LCC. These are significant and will result in many services being cut and facilities closing.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday, 9th February 2016 at 7.00 pm, St. Mary's School
January 2016

