

To Goldshaw Booth Parish Residents,

The Parish Council's e-mail scheme has been going for 3 months now. We are the only parish we are aware of that operates this scheme and we would welcome further feedback from residents about its content. This is our 4<sup>th</sup> communication, and gives details about the last Parish Council meeting, held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

#### Public Questions

A resident asked when the parish would be receiving high speed broadband. The Parish Council is aware that the company 'Boundless Communications' offers decent broadband speeds but is unsure if everyone could access its product. The Parish Council has no other information about high speed broadband at the moment.

#### Toilets in Newchurch village

There is a proposal to put up two flower baskets on the front wall of the toilet block and for paving stones to be laid beneath the defibrillator. An alternative suggestion was that bark be put over the flower bed there, as it is over the other beds by the toilet block.

The council is also concerned about the high level of water rates being charged and further enquiries about this will be made.

#### Lengthsman Scheme

There was a site meeting between the Lengthsman and the Chairman to discuss the jobs to be completed in the village. The Lengthsman has cleared the leaves off the Millenium Garden and dug the flower bed outside the toilet block. The total time he spent in our parish in January was 5 hours and we have 71 hours credit in the Lengthsman Scheme left. If any resident has any suggestions for jobs needing to be done, please let the Clerk or Chairman know.

#### Best Kept Village Competition

In order to try to improve our position in the competition, Councillors have each agreed to take oversight of various aspects that the judges look for. We will be looking for volunteers to help to keep the Parish in a decent condition and present your village in its best possible light. Depending on the kind of work undertaken may mean we will implement the council's volunteer policy.

#### Dog Fouling

This is still an ongoing problem that causes trouble within the Parish. Please clear up after your dog, and if you see anyone who is not being responsible, please report them.

#### Painting of Railings on Nanny Maud Brow

The Chairman and Clerk met with Stephanie Baxter of the Community Payback Scheme. Ms. Baxter said the Scheme could not help with the preparation of the railings as the road there was too dangerous.

#### Playing Field Shed

It was agreed that the Events Committee could have a spare key to access their equipment in the shed. The Chairman will visit Debbie Mousley to arrange this. Items owned by the Events Committee left in the shed are not insured.

#### Rural Bus Service

The Council received a letter from Lancashire County Council about the withdrawal of subsidies to the bus operators for local bus services from April 2016. Bus operators will be deciding which bus routes will be withdrawn because they are not financially viable. Lancashire County Council will inform the Parish Council of services to be withdrawn and what, if any, other arrangements can be put in place.

#### Any Other Business

It was agreed that a new 5-bar gate is to be purchased to replace the defective one at the bottom of the top playing field.

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