

To Goldshaw Booth Parish Residents,

The Parish Council was pleased to receive a communication from a resident thanking us for the monthly e-mail to residents. It is nice to receive some appreciation for what is the only scheme of this kind in the area and a first for Goldshaw Booth. This e-mail is to inform residents of the main points discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 8th March 2016.

Parish Councillor Reports

Carl Ryder has requested that the Council give consideration to recommending to Lancashire County Council a 20 mph speed limit through Newchurch village.

Newchurch Public Toilets

It was agreed to purchase 3 flower baskets to be fixed to the front wall of the toilet block.

Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors gave their initial reports on their particular areas of responsibility. It was agreed to purchase 2 barrier flower baskets to be fixed to the railings in Newchurch village.

Lengthsman Scheme

A total of 19 + a quarter hours was spent in the Parish during February. Work by the Lengthsman included fitting a new 5-bar gate at the bottom of the field where the play equipment is, weeding and pruning the garden in Newchurch at the junction of Jinny Lane, repairs to grass verges, pruning and tidying the garden and power washing the flags in front of the toilet block and power washing flags by the information boards.

Dog Fouling

This subject comes up at every meeting and, to the general dismay of the councillors, the situation is not improving.

Millenium Garden

The Garden has now been entirely cleared and rocks have been put in by Carl Ryder. Plans for planting will follow.

E-Mail Scheme

Reminders about the scheme will be published in this month's parish magazine and on the notice boards so that any residents not currently included can be added to the mailing list if they so wish.

Mowing Contract

Notices will be placed on the boards requesting tenders for this contract.

Grit Bins

The Parish Clerk will request 2 replacement grit bins from Lancashire County Council.

Rural Bus Service

Although a large number of services have been cut, the Clitheroe-Nelson bus has been retained but will no longer serve Newchurch and Spenbrook. Goldshaw Booth residents would have to board the bus at Barley or Roughlee. The Parish Council will request Lancashire County Council to make available an early morning and late afternoon service to Newchurch and Spenbrook.

External Audit Arrangements

These were discussed and it was agreed that the year-end accounts and details of all items of expenditure over £100 will be published on the website. All accounts from past years are available on request.

Report from Councillor Starkie

Burnley FC in the Community is still interested in taking over Whitehough Outdoor Centre but no other details are currently available.

A communication from Lancashire County Council has been received regarding the parking problem which remains unresolved. We will give further details when this subject has been finalised.

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