

To Goldshaw Booth Parish Residents,

The following is a summary of the main points of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th April 2016.

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Although Newchurch and Spenbrook appear to have lost their bus service, the Parish Council has asked Lancashire County Council to reconsider. We received a reply on 23rd March saying our request is being considered.

Public Question Time

Mr. Alan Taylor reported that a small willow tree is leaning across a Public Right of Way (PROW) at the bottom of Sparable Lane, near the sewage works at Spenbrook. He requested that this obstruction was cleared and also that a holly tree in Sparable Wood that is partially uprooted be replanted and restaked, to provide support.

The Council actively supports requests of this nature.

Reports from Councillors

Chris Burt requested that the Parish Council ask for 3 hours per month from the Lengthsman Scheme until October, to maintain the gardens in Newchurch. This was approved. He also asked that the toilet block be repainted and 3 quotes obtained for this job. The Council agreed.

Andy Cowell has had complaints that parents are parking on the verge outside Newchurch School, causing damage. The Parish Council will write to the Headteacher to request that parents stop parking on the grass verges. He has also had a request to deal with the exposed sewerage pipe on the PROW between Osborne Terrace and the playing field. It will be reported to Lancashire County Council.

Ann Norris Johnson has requested that Jack Cook's bench is placed on the space in front of the Millenium Garden to prevent parking there. This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Carl Ryder reported that he had received complaints about the motorhome parking in front of the Millenium Garden, obstructing the view. He has also received complaints about speeding in the village. Speeding in Newchurch and Spenbrook will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council. He also reported that Sparable Wood needs tidying up. It was decided to contact the Environmental Action Group for a long-term plan to manage this woodland.

Best Kept Village Competition

Cllr. John Parsons will research the possibility of replacing the noticeboards in Newchurch and Spenbrook.

Lengthsman Scheme

12 hours were used from this scheme during March. The Lengthsman removed tree stumps from Barley Bank and worked on the Millenium Garden.

Millenium Garden

The garden has been planted and looks very attractive. The project has taken a long time but the result is worthwhile and everyone who has participated can feel proud.

Spenbrook Mill Development

It has been reported that work on this development will start later on this year.

Spenbrook Mill Development S106 Funding

Funding will be made available by the developer through a Section 106 agreement. Pendle Council have confirmed that this funding will be allocated to open spaces in the area. Open space plans are available to view on the Councils website.

Mowing Tender 2016

The Parish Council received a bid to cut the grass over a predetermined area in the Parish for a cost of £1,000 for 3 years. This is less than the Parish Council currently pays and gives certainty to our budget requirements for 3 years. The bid was approved.

Report from County Councillor Christian Wakeford

The decision by Lancashire County Council (LCC) about which library premises are to close will be made later in the year. LCC is not releasing information regarding Whitehough Outdoor Centre, which is jeopardising the sale to prospective buyers. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to LCC with a Freedom of Information request to obtain the necessary financial records.

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