

To Goldshaw Booth Parish Residents,

This month's newsletter gives information on the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Goldshaw Booth Parish Council, as well as the monthly meeting of the Council, on 11th May 2016.

AGM

The Chairman, Kathleen Wilkinson, gave a review of the significant events of the past year.

There were elections for the posts of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, resulting in Cllr. Chris Burt being elected as Chairman and Cllr. Chris Hudson as Vice-Chairman.

The monthly Parish Council meeting followed and the main points are summarised below.

Matters Arising from 12th April meeting

The Parish Clerk wrote to the Headteacher at St. Mary's School requesting that parents stop parking on the verge outside the school. The Headteacher has written to parents and the situation has improved.

The exposed sewerage pipe on the Public Right of Way in Spenbrook has been reported to Lancashire County Council by Cllr. Andy Cowell and Pendle Council have been asked to deal with this problem.

It had been brought to our attention by a resident that a Motorhome was being parked in front of the Millennium garden blocking the view of the garden. A councillor suggested that we should move Jack Cooks bench there to prevent parking but it was agreed that as the problem has been solved at the moment that we should continue to monitor the situation.

Reports from Councillors

Chris Burt reported that, further to a meeting with a resident, Alan Taylor, a willow tree that was overhanging a Public Right of Way in Spenbrook has now been cleared. Goldshaw Booth Parish Council wishes to thank Alan for completing this job and his public spirit in volunteering to do it.

Decorating Newchurch Toilet Block

The Council has received 2 quotes for this job, with one to follow in the next few days. The Council has been informed of several offers from volunteers to redecorate the building. Reluctantly, the Council voted to use a commercial company to complete all the redecoration on this occasion, as the red tape involved in taking up the volunteers' offer makes the oversight of the job too onerous. However, the Council appreciates the offers from volunteers and is keen to use the public spirit generated for other tasks around Newchurch, particularly in respect of keeping the village smart for the upcoming Best Kept Village competition. We hope that villagers understand the reason for our decision.

Best Kept Village competition

Parish councillors gave updates on progress so far. Cllr. John Parsons gave his report concerning new noticeboards. Further work is needed on this project before a recommendation can be made.

Lengthsman Scheme

18.5 hours have been used from the scheme in April. The main use of the time was for buying materials and planting the Millennium Garden.

Planning Applications

A retrospective planning application at Douglas Hall Cottage has been received. The Council decided to object on the grounds of development of commercial premises in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Audit of Accounts

The year-end accounts for 2015/16 have been successfully audited.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will take place on Wednesday 15th June at 7.30pm at St. Mary's School. Refreshments will be served. It will be an opportunity to meet councillors, ask questions and make suggestions about future projects you wish the Parish Council to consider. Please make an effort to attend, we look forward to seeing you then.

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