

To Goldshaw Booth Parish Residents,

This month's newsletter covers the main points raised at the Parish Council meeting on 14th June 2016.

Reports from Councillors

Each councillor gave a detailed report of their activity during the past month. Everyone has been dealing with their area of responsibility for the Best Kept Village competition.

Recently there have been comments posted on Facebook regarding the Parish Council and we feel that this way of communication is inappropriate. If any resident is unhappy about how the Parish Council operates, please feel free to contact a parish councillor, write to the Council directly or attend the meetings and air your views in a constructive way. We are always open to suggestions on how to improve the Parish as long as it is within our financial constraints. Please come to a meeting and see how it works, as everyone is welcome.

I.T. and the Parish Council computer

An I.T. specialist gave a talk to councillors, giving an overview of the present capabilities and the security of the Parish Council's computer and its website. Recommendations were suggested about free systems that can be installed for the security and the possibilities of updating the website. These suggestions were given at no charge to the Council.

Newchurch Toilet Block

The redecoration of the exterior of the toilet block has been completed and the building looks much improved. In addition, three flower baskets have been fixed to the wall and planted, further enhancing its appearance. We are also planning to lay Bark/Woodchip on the rockery at Spenbrook, the Millenium Garden and the flower bed outside the toilet block in Newchurch.

Lengthsman Scheme

Councillor Carl Ryder has taken on responsibility for liaising with the Lengthsman regarding his work in the parish. If any resident wishes to request a job to be attended to, please contact Carl.

The Lengthsman has fixed the gate post at the entrance to the top playground field so the gate shuts securely and has cleared the patio area in the top field.

Speed Limit in Newchurch and Spenbrook

Following requests from residents, councillors discussed the merits of a 20mph speed limit through Newchurch and Spenbrook. Councillors voted in favour of requesting Lancashire County Council to impose such a limit, believing it would make the road safer, particularly in view of the imminent housing development at Spenbrook Mill.

Extension To Mowing Contract

Councillors voted to have the grass banking outside St Mary's school and a further grass area further down Spenbrook Road to be mown every month in addition to the fortnightly mowing, already agreed.

Best Kept Village competition

The Council has worked hard on this and feels that Newchurch and Spenbrook have been presented well. The three flower baskets on the toilet block and the extra barrier baskets in the centre of Newchurch are eye-catching additions and the stone trough by the old Slaughterhouse has been cleared and planted up very attractively. The Spenbrook rockery has been carefully weeded by volunteers and looks the best it has ever looked. Many thanks to all involved with these jobs for their efforts.

Transparency Code

The Government has introduced a Transparency Code which requires Parish Councils to publish certain financial documents and information on their websites, in order to increase transparency for residents about the financial affairs of their Parish Councils. Relevant information will be published shortly on the Goldshaw Booth Parish Council website.

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