

To Goldshaw Booth Parish Residents,

This month's newsletter covers the main points raised at the Parish Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

#### Matters Arising from Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

Woodchippings have now been spread on the flower bed outside the toilet block in Newchurch and bark on the rockery at Spenbrook and the Millenium Garden.

The signed petitions requesting Lancashire County Council (LCC) introduce a 20mph speed limit in Newchurch and Spenbrook have been sent to the Highways Department at LCC and we are awaiting their response.

#### Reports from Councillors

Chris Burt attended the Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> August and raised the issue of the mowing of roadside verges in our Parish, which in the past has been done by LCC. The answer was that this job will probably have to be done by the Parish Council in the future. Although no definitive answer was forthcoming, it is apparent that, due to cuts in funding available to LCC, more jobs of this nature will be falling to the local parishes to complete.

Andy Cowell has cleaned the telephone box in Newchurch . This raises the question that it would be helpful if volunteers in Newchurch village could attend to this in the future, as has apparently happened in the past. Please contact any councillor if you would be willing to carry out this important job.

#### Lengthsman Scheme

It was decided by the Parish Council to reduce the amount paid into the Lengthsman Scheme from £750 pa to £550 pa. This contribution gives us a number of hours per year to be used in the scheme for jobs to be done around the parish. We have had unused hours at the end of each of the last couple of years which have been carried forward and so the Council thought it appropriate to reduce the payment and consequently the number of available hours. The contribution level will be reviewed each year.

#### Purchase of a Speed Indication Display sign

County Councillor Christian Wakeford gave a presentation on the case for the local parishes to jointly purchase a Speed Indication Display sign. Residents will have seen these signs where it gives a smiley face if you are under the speed limit and a frowning face if you are over. The idea is that it would be shared between the participating parishes and be available to each once every five to six weeks, for about a fortnight at a time. The advantages are that it would hopefully influence speeding motorists and provide information that could be made available to the police. We await further details but in principle the Council is in favour of the scheme. If any parishioners have any thoughts about this, please talk to one of the councillors.

#### Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There continues to be a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Although there have been expressions of interest, no-one has come forward. If anyone is interested, we would be pleased to see them at a Parish Council meeting, held on the second Tuesday of every month at St. Mary's School, or they can contact any of the councillors.

#### Heritage Gateway

Cllr. Andy Cowell gave further details on his research into applying for funding for Heritage Gateway signs. The Council would not be able to apply until redevelopment begins at Spenbrook Mill. At the moment, there is no confirmation of when this is due to start.

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