

To Goldshaw Booth Parish Residents,

This month's newsletter covers the main points raised at the Parish Council meeting on 13th September 2016.

Matters Arising from Parish Council meeting held on 9th August 2016.

Padgett's the plumbers have dealt with some pipework that needed attending to in the toilet block in Newchurch. They have very kindly not charged us for this and the Council is very grateful for their public spirit.

Reports from Councillors

Chris Burt reported that Latham Brothers have been contracted to cut the verges and hedges on Spenbrook Road and this job has now been completed. Since the Council took over responsibility for the toilets in Newchurch, anomalies with the British Gas account have been resolved and the electricity supply fixed on a one-year contract.

With regards to Spenbrook Mill, the Council has been led to believe that PPE is no longer involved in developing this site, so work is unlikely to start this autumn as anticipated.

Councillors have heard about results of the Best Kept Village competition and we give our congratulations to Barley on their excellent success and note that Spenbrook was placed 4th in their class but Newchurch was unplaced. Councillors are disappointed with this as a great deal of effort, time and money was put in to presenting Newchurch in its best light. The Council will comment further when the BKVC judges report is received.

Play Area Annual Inspection Report

This report has been received and, overall, was not bad. There are a couple of small points that need further inspection and we will be in a position to decide how to deal with them by the next PC meeting.

Winter Barrier Baskets

The Council has decided to go ahead with winter planting of the baskets in Newchurch at a cost of approximately £250.

Mowing and Verge Cutting in 2017

Following on from our comments last month, it seems that LCC will not carry out work they have historically completed in our Parish and so the Council agreed that the verges on Spenbrook Road will be cut in May and September by Latham Brothers. Overgrown verges pose a safety risk as it does restrict sight lines and the Council will not compromise motorists and walkers safety. The public footpath verges between Spenbrook and Newchurch will be cut at the same time. The area in the top field in Newchurch which is mown will be increased. This represents significant extra work to be undertaken by the Council but we are convinced that the verges need cutting from a safety point of view and the Parish will look better for it.

Response to Lancashire County Council decision on 20mph. speed limit

LCC have refused our request to reduce the speed limit to 20mph in Spenbrook and Newchurch. County Councillor Christian Wakeford has appealed on our behalf. It was thought best for the Council to send its own letter as well.

County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Christian Wakeford has spoken to other parishes and has gained agreement from them to consider jointly purchasing a Speed Indicator Device (SID). The cost will be £2,345+VAT. Cllr. Wakeford is willing to contribute £1,000 from a local grant to which he has access and so the direct cost to Goldshaw Booth Parish for our share will be £336. We will vote on this at the next meeting. Residents are invited to comment or, better still, attend the next meeting to have their say.

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