The following is a summary of the main points discussed at the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 12 September 2017.

Matters Arising from PC meeting on 8 August 2017.

Bob Donovan reports that the regular checks for the risk assessement concerning the playground equipment are being undertaken by a public spirited volunteer. The PC is very grateful for this.

Christopher Burt reported that the Lengthsman has completed cutting back the vegetation on the side of the road on Jinny Lane.

Reports from Councillors

Christopher Burt reports that he has now completed the clearing of the vegetation from the wall on Spenbrook Road between Spenbrook and Newchurch. He wishes to thank Alan Taylor for his help in this job.

Christopher Hudson reported that he has had a meeting with Jim Tunstill about clearing the pond in Sparable Wood and requested a site visit by Councillors for Saturday 30 September.

Councillors agreed that some Parish maintenance jobs are to be undertaken over the next month. In particular, some branches that overhang the toilet roof need trimming, the roadside hedges between Spenbrook and Newchurch to be cut by Latham Brothers and some conifer trees near the toilet block. This last item is to be discussed next month after councillors have had a look themselves.

Other Items on Agenda

Councillors discussed the planning application 17/0469. Mr and Mrs Lancaster attended the meeting and gave full details about their plans. The public are reminded that the PC's role is to decide if we have any planning objections and that it is not our remit to give or withhold approval. After full discussion is was decided that the PC has no objections for this application to go forward to the next stage in the planning process.

A bonfire is to be held this year.

Ash die back is affecting ash trees in Sparable Wood. Christopher Burt and Carl Ryder have had a meeting with Lee Johnson, the Environmental Officer from PBC to discuss the options about future action to deal with the problem. Further research will have to be undertaken and discussed again next month.

The PC will no longer subscribe to the Fields in Trust organisation.