

The following is a summary of the main points discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on the 12 March 2019.

Matters Arising

The damaged play equipment has been removed. The council has obtained a quote to repair the ginnel in Spenbrook between Osborne Terrace and Gorrell Close for £2000. As this is in excess of available funds consideration is to be given to carry out half the repair soon and the rest when funds are available.

The council has contacted the supplier of the notice board in Spenbrook who has agreed to refurbish it at no cost to the council.

Reports from Councillors

No objections were made to planning application 19/0093/FUL.

Councillors complained again about the fencing at Spenbrook Mill and that the council is in regular contact with Laurence Daw of Cheshire Estates.

All the bulbs made available to residents have now been planted

Kompan Presentation

The council had a presentation from Mike Clark of Kompan, a playground equipment supplier, who gave his recommendations.

This is the first presentation regarding the section 106 money and the council plan to have more in the immediate future.

Section 106 Monies

Councillors discussed how to progress this very important project and it was decided to produce a shortlist of researched options over the coming months. The council could then ask residents what options they preferred and would be taken into consideration when the final decision is made.

We will assess the current pieces of playground equipment to see if it is feasible to refurbish them.

CCTV

This project is ongoing and although we have one quote at present it is hoped to have another two before a decision is made on the supplier.

Other news includes that Newchurch and Spenbrook will enter the Best Kept Village competition as one entry and Sabden Fold as another. A new gardener has been appointed to maintain and tidy all the gardens in Newchurch and Spenbrook.

Parish Council Elections

Elections will take place on 2nd May 2019 and existing members were given instructions on completion of relevant forms for those who wish to stand as a Parish Councillor. If there are any new candidates from the public who wish to stand then please make themselves known to the parish clerk or the elections office at Pendle Borough Council.

Borough Councillor James Starkie reported that the Boundary Commission consultation is still ongoing regarding a reduction in the number of Borough Councillors and that Burnley, Blackburn, Rossendale and Pendle were proposing to split from Lancashire County Council.

County Councillor Wakeford reported about LCC budgets and that £77million in cuts have been agreed. On a more local level the new grit bin in Sabden Fold will be included in the filling schedule by LCC and the grit bin in Newchurch will either be repaired or replaced.