

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

MINUTES OF GOLDSHAW BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST. MARYS SCHOOL, NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE, ON TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2019.

PERSONS PRESENT-

Councillor - Robert Donovan (Chairman)

Councillors: Andy Cowell, Simon Cronshaw, Rebecca Murrell, Carl Ryder, and Kathleen Wilkinson. In Attendance: Jennifer Sutcliffe, Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

19/20/160 WELCOME TO GUESTS AND VISITORS

The Chairman welcomed guests and members.

19/20/161 PUBLIC FORUM

One member of the public was present.

19/20/162 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Chris Stuttard and Christian Wakeford.

19/20/163 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

19/20/164 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

19/20/165 MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM MINUTES

- (a) Councillors Donovan, Ryder, Cowell and Stuttard had not yet attended to the repair of the fence at Well Head Road. This will be done in due course.
- (b) Councillor Cowell obtained horse sign – Councillor Ryder will erect a pole for the sign at the required location.
- (c) Parking outside top gate to playing field – Councillor Donovan to continue seeking clarity.
- (d) Forestry work at Barley Bank – Clerk to ascertain when this work will commence.

- (e) Drains in village – The Clerk had again logged this complaint with LCC. A drain at the mill site has been covered over and Councillor Donovan will speak to the site manager.
- (f) Leaves being swept from dwelling into road – Councillor Cowell
- (g) Replacement litter bin at Sabden Fold – The Clerk had reported the damage to PBC who will look into the matter.
- (h) Litter and dog waste bins overflowing – The Clerk had reported this to PBC and the bins had been emptied.
- (i) Blind Spot Mirrors at Sabden Fold – The Clerk had written to LCC and had been advised that traffic mirrors are not provided by Lancashire Highways. The Department of Transport do not approve them as they can distort vehicle distance and are in themselves now considered a hazard.
- (j) Woodland Trust Trees – The Parish Council had been successful in their bid and 420 saplings will be delivered in March 2020.

19/20/166 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Donovan

Reported the toilet takings for this month were £16.92. He will speak to the site manager at the Mill regarding the covered drain, delivery times and the perimeter fencing.

Councillor Murrell

Reported that two wagons visiting the mill site had travelled through Sabden Fold and caused considerable damage to verges. Councillor Donovan will address this with the site manager.

Councillor Wilkinson

Reported that none of the bulbs for residents to plant had been taken. Councillor Ryder would mention this on the Facebook page. Councillor Wilkinson will plant some of the bulbs at the roadside. Together with Councillor Murrell, she had attended the Mayor's gathering to celebrate success in the Best Kept Village competition.

Councillor Ryder

He reported that he had met with a new gardener and had requested a quotation for maintaining the gardens for the forthcoming year.

19/20/167 SECTION 106 MONIES

Discussions continued regarding expenditure of the funds. Councillor Donovan will arrange a meeting with Playdale to discuss the play equipment in January next year. Councillor Ryder had obtained prices for the picnic tables which were £85.00 plus VAT. Councillors Donovan and Ryder will have a site visit to identify a suitable place to site a wooden pavilion. Councillor Cowell is still awaiting quotations for the heritage lamp posts.

RESOLVED:

That this item will be added to next month's agenda for further discussion.

19/20/168 DEFIBRILLATORS FOR SPENBROOK AND SABDEN FOLD

Councillor Donovan had researched prices for solar powered defibrillators. The cost is £750.00-£1000.00 plus the casing, which is approximately £500.00. A traditional machine is in the region of £1200-1500. He will continue to research the solar powered machines, however, it remains to be seen if they could sustain the power required.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk will submit a funding bid to Barrowford and Western Parishes for £3000 for two machines.

19/20/169 CLIMATE CHANGE MEETING

Councillor Murrell updated members on the outcome of the well attended meeting at PBC. A working group had been established with the aim of achieving a carbon neutral status by 2030. Local groups are encouraged to provide initiatives that can be implemented at a local level. She advised members of the recommendations and highlighted Trawden Community Shop as an example. It was agreed that she would provide some information to be added to the Parish Council website and encourage initiatives and ideas from local residents.

RESOLVED:

That the information is noted.

19/20/170 WEBSITE UPDATE

Councillor Cronshaw will continue work on this project and update members as it progresses.

RESOLVED:

That this item will continue as an agenda item.

19/20/171 DEVELOPMENT OF SPENBROOK MILL

Scaffolding on the outer house at the road side of the site was overhanging the road. The enforcement officer at PBC had confirmed that the house was positioned in accordance with the approved planning application.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Donovan will contact the site manager in respect of the ongoing problems.

19/20/172 CCTV

Discussions continue, Street Cam and MCE had not yet given quotes and Councillor Ryder will continue pricing enquiries.

RESOLVED:

That this item will be included on next month's agenda.

19/20/173 SIT ON MOWER

Members discussed the merits of the purchase of a mower. It was proposed and seconded that the PC proceeds with this. A vote was taken and all Councillors voted in favour of the purchase.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Councillor Ryder is authorised to bid up to £5000.00 on a suitable machine and a further £1000 towards a container for storage and the cladding and extras required.
- (b) That Councillor Donovan would contact the Planning Department at PBC to ascertain if permission would be required for a shipping container to store the mower in.
- (c) That the Clerk will contact the Councils Insurers to ascertain the additional cost of insurance on the mower.

19/20/174 PARISH MAINTENANCE

Members discussed this item and their requirements for the forthcoming year. Councillor Ryder had obtained the pricing from a new gardener to maintain the gardens. She estimates that two 8 hour days per month will be required and quoted £15.00 per hour. She holds the relevant insurance and chemicals licence.

RESOLVED:

That she will be asked to cut the footpath hedge from Spenbrook to Newchurch and clear out the gardens in preparation for planting before a decision is taken.

19/20/175 PENDLE PRIMARY SCHOOLS FREE SWIMMING

Members discussed if they wished to participate in the scheme.

RESOLVED:

That the Parish Council declined to take part and the Clerk will advise Pendle Leisure accordingly.

19/20/176 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

The financial transactions for the month of November/December 2019 were reviewed. Since the last meeting, payments totalling £446.45 had been made, including £312.50 shown on the agenda and £133.95 reimbursed to Councillor Ryder for Christmas lights/batteries, grit bin, wood chip.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the financial transactions were approved.
- (b) That the cash book figures were approved.

19/20/177 DRAFT BUDGET

Members discussed the recently prepared draft budget. Some amendments were agreed and the revised budget will be presented at the January meeting for acceptance.

RESOLVED:

That the budget will be included on next month's agenda for approval.

19/20/178 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were no Councillors present.

19/20/179 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

1. Parish Maintenance.
2. Spenbrook Mill.
3. CCTV.
4. Section 106 Monies.
5. Sit on Mower.
6. Defibrillators.
7. Website.
8. Budget.

19/20/180 PARISH MAGAZINE ENTRY

Councillor Donovan will prepare the entry.

19/20/181 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th January 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.