

# Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

**MINUTES OF GOLDSHAW BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST. MARYS SCHOOL, NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE, ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019.**

## **PRESENT-**

*Councillor Chris Burt - (Chairman)*

*Councillors: Robert Donovan, Rebecca Murrell, Carl Ryder, Chris Stuttard and Kathleen Wilkinson. In Attendance: The Worship The Mayor, Councillor James Starkie, County Councillor Christian Wakeford, Borough Councillor Kenneth Turner, PC Mark Dibb and Jennifer Sutcliffe, Parish Clerk.*

### **18/19/141 WELCOME TO GUESTS AND VISITORS**

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors.

### **18/19/142 PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

### **18/19/143 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Andy Cowell.

### **18/19/144 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

At this stage of the meeting Police Constable Mark Dibb, from the Local Community Policing team introduced himself to new Councillors and addressed the meeting on the current situation relating to policing in the area. Although police officer numbers have been cut considerably, he assured members that he continues to patrol the area on a regular basis. Following his briefing, the officer left the meeting.

### **18/19/145 MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018, be approved as a correct record, with an amendment to matters arising at 18/19/125 from LCC to PBC (Pendle Borough Council).

### **18/19/146 MATTERS ARISING (For information only)**

Councillors Ryder and Donovan are still to relocate the donation box at the public toilets. Shaun Standring is to provide a quotation for the resurfacing of the ginnel

between Osborne Terrace and Gorrell Close. Councillor Stuttard will adjust the height of the Spenbrook bus stop sign. The Clerk will order a green garden waste bin from PBC for Newchurch Village. (Minute number 18/19/127 refers)

## **18/19/147 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCIL**

### Councillor Murrell

Reported that many residents in Sabden Fold were concerned about the lack of grit provision on Lower Houses Hill. There are no yellow grit bins and the grit wagon does not routinely drop off grit, especially if the previous pile had been used up. Residents have requested that a grit bin be positioned at the top or bottom of the hill, where appropriate spaces have been identified. Residents are happy to grit the road themselves, but would require the grit to be provided.

There are numerous large pot holes on Watery Lane in Sabden Fold, one at the junction with Haddings Lane had been repaired in the summer, but the others had not been. Councillor Burt advised her that these defects can be reported on the LCC website and that LCC had previously refused to provide further grit bins due to lack of space at the side of the road. Members discussed the grit bins and agreed that the Parish Council would purchase one grit bin for Sabden Fold, with another to be provided next year if necessary.

### Councillor Wilkinson

Reported that the building at Moss End appeared bigger than the planning permission agreed. Councillor Burt would look into this matter.

### Councillor Ryder

Reported that he had received a number of comments from residents regarding the petting centre at Douglas Hall. Many feel that the site is already full and cannot cope with further expansion and that the roads were busy enough.

He had removed the Christmas lights and will store them in the usual place. Residents had asked if the Parish Council would again assist with the snow clearing/gritting of the roads in the event of heavy snow. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would assist if necessary. Some grit bins around the village needed refilling. The Clerk will report the matter to LCC.

He had a meeting with one prospective gardener and hoped to have two or three quotes for the February meeting. It is hoped that a gardener will be found soon as the gardens and beds needed attention.

The fencing at the mill site was leaning towards the road and the Clerk had reported this to the new owners, Cheshire Estates.

**18/19/148 BIDS FOR FUNDING OF CCTV AND REBUILDING OF STONE WALLS**

County Councillor Wakeford advised members that the guidelines for distribution of the Community Improvement Fund had been fundamentally changed at the recent Policy and Resources Committee meeting. The budget of £100,000 would be divided between 49 Councillors which would allow approximately £2000 each towards projects.

Members discussed funding for a CCTV system. Councillor Ryder will obtain quotations for the equipment and hopefully, if funding is agreed, this could be installed within the next couple of months.

In respect of a bid for repairing stone walls, this will be prepared for the February meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

That a bid of £2000 for a CCTV system would be made to Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee with a further £500 from Parish Council funds to be included.

**18/19/149 PLANNING APPLICATION 18/0818/FUL**

Members discussed the above application (Douglas Hall Kennels) for which the consultation period had been extended. It was proposed and seconded that an objection be made to PBC Planning Department. Members voted to object on the grounds of the visual impact in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, noise, cross contamination and animal welfare issues.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk will write to PBC stating the above objections.

**18/19/150 SPENBROOK MILL**

Laurence Daw from Cheshire Estates will attend the February meeting to discuss the development of the mill site. Residents will be invited to attend the meeting and Councillor Ryder will publicise this on the social media site and it will be included in the Parish magazine.

**RESOLVED:**

That the item is noted.

**18/19/151 PLAY AREAS**

Councillor Donovan updated members on the wooden play area site. As previously identified, the balancing beam requires replacing. He had contacted Playdale who had originally installed the equipment. As it is within the guarantee period, the beam will be replaced free of charge, however, there will be a charge of £295 plus VAT for postage and fitting. He will discuss this with the company and report back to the Council when more information is obtained.

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Donovan will report back when further details have been obtained.

**18/19/152 PARISH MAINTENANCE**

It had been identified that the four benches in the church yard were in need of repair.

**RESOLVED:**

Councillor Burt would obtain a quotation from Brian Pinder and it would be included as a March agenda item.

**18/19/153 BUDGET**

Members discussed the proposed budget. County Councillor Wakeford highlighted the fact that staff costs would need to be increased in line with the new regulations in respect of the minimum wage. It was proposed but not seconded that the Parish maintenance budget be reduced to £750.00. The Clerk left the room whilst discussion was held regarding staff costs.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the draft budget figures are approved, with an addition for staff costs.
- (b) That staff costs would be increased by £250.00 per annum.
- (c) That the clerks salary would be reviewed in February each year.
- (d) That a precept of £6700.00 would be requested from Pendle Borough Council.

**18/19/154 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS**

The financial transactions for the month of December 2018 were reviewed. Payments presented at the meeting totalled £138.98. (£50.00, reimbursed to J Tunstill in connection with the built heritage strategy photographs. Minute number 18/19/48 refers) £9.98 reimbursed to Councillor Ryder for replacement batteries for Christmas lights and £79.00 reimbursed to Councillor Wilkinson for residents Christmas gifts.

**RESOLVED:**

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

**18/19/155 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Borough Councillor Starkie advised members of a wildflower grant available via PBC. He had launched a fitness scheme with Pendle Leisure. The Boundaries Commission consultation is ongoing; draft recommendations should be available in June/July.

County Councillor Wakeford advised members of forestry work due to start at Barley Bank.

**18/19/160 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- (a) Parish Maintenance.
- (b) Spenbrook Mill.
- (c) Stone wall bid.

**18/19/161 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The meeting closed at 9pm.