

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

MINUTES OF GOLDSHAW BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST. MARYS SCHOOL, NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE, ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2020.

PERSONS PRESENT-

Councillor - Robert Donovan (Chairman)

Councillors: Simon Cronshaw, Rebecca Murrell, Carl Ryder, Chris Stuttard and Kathleen Wilkinson. In Attendance: Borough Councillor Carlo Lioni, Jennifer Sutcliffe, Parish Clerk and two members of the public.

19/20/226 WELCOME TO MEMBERS AND VISITORS

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors.

19/20/227 PUBLIC FORUM

Two members of the public were present.

19/20/228 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Cowell and Christian Wakeford.

19/20/229 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

19/20/230 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2020, be approved as a correct record.

19/20/231 MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM MINUTES

- (a) Damaged fence at Well Head Road to be repaired during the summer months.
- (b) Councillor Cowell obtained a horse sign – Councillor Ryder will erect a pole for the sign at the required location during the summer months.
- (c) Forestry work at Barley Bank – The Clerk had written to LCC to ascertain when this work will commence. County Councillor Wakeford had also been asked to assist with the enquiry. The Clerk will contact Tom Partridge regarding this matter.
- (d) Councillor Donovan had identified suitable locations for dog fouling signs which can be obtained from LCC.

- (e) The Clerk had enquired with the local Credit Union for interest rates in respect of the donation. The higher rates are only applicable to individuals. As interest rates are so low, Councillors will continue to monitor interest rates and will review again at a later date.

19/20/232 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Donovan

Had ordered the automatic hand dryer for the toilets. Toilet takings had amounted to £16.86.

Councillor Cronshaw

Reported that Roughlee Parish Council were aware of the overgrown hedge in Jinny Lane. LCC had looked at the hedge and found no issue with it; however, a resident would continue to take up the matter with LCC. He had met with Tom Partridge from PBC who advised that the steps at Sparable Lane would be improved soon. Local villages were having a joint VE day event and Councillor Wilkinson confirmed she was involved with a working group that had been organised to discuss the event.

Councillor Murrell

She had reported the footpath at Sabden Old Hall Farm to LCC as it was completely impassable due to earth and machinery. The heavy rain had caused the road to be washed away from Sabden Fold towards the Hall and she would also report this issue to LCC. The recent repair to the dry stone wall at Haddings Hill had again been extensively damaged. She also reported that Sabden Fold residents were very pleased with the new notice board, rubbish bin, grit bin and recent hedge cutting.

Councillor Wilkinson

Reported that the wall on Spenbrook Road was damaged. As it was a retaining wall it was suggested that this was the responsibility of LCC. In the first instance Councillor Ryder would speak to the landowner. The road at the entrance to the Equestrian Centre was damaged and Councillor Ryder will speak to the owner of the centre. There were some large stones in the road at Faughs Quarry entrance and she would speak to the owner regarding these.

Councillor Ryder

Reported that he had removed some more of the trees affected with ash die back in Sparable Wood. He had obtained 150 trees from Burnley FC in the Community for the tree planting day. He had positioned the new grit bin in Newchurch.

19/20/233 SECTION 106 MONIES

Discussions continue regarding expenditure of the funds. Councillor Donovan was looking into further grants for the play area. It was agreed that the refurbishment of the play areas and playing field would be done in stages with the top play area being attended to first. Brian Pinder will be asked to provide a quotation for refurbishment

of the play equipment on the top field. Councillor Ryder will obtain prices for wooden picnic benches. Playdale and Gary Birtwell would be asked to re-quote for the wooden play area. Prices will be obtained and be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting. 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.

19/20/234 DEFIBRILLATORS FOR SPENBROOK AND SABDEN FOLD

Councillor Donovan advised members that the £3000 bid to Barrowford and Western Committee for the purchase of two defibrillators had been approved. After taking advice from North West Ambulance Services the machines and cases were identified and will be ordered. One machine will be placed in Spenbrook and one in Sabden Fold. A training course for Councillors and residents will be organised in due course.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk will order the required machines and cases.

19/20/235 WEBSITE UPDATE

Councillor Cronshaw gave members a preview of the new website, which should be live in the next few weeks.

RESOLVED:

That the information is noted.

19/20/236 FOOTPATH 20 PROPOSED DIVERSION – REF: 13/13/0531P

Members discussed the proposed diversion of the footpath.

RESOLVED:

That there were no objections to the diversion.

19/20/237 PLANNING APPLICATION – 20/0119/PIP

Two members of the public attended the meeting to discuss their objections to the proposal. Objections included building in an AONB on a green field site, overdevelopment, disruption to wildlife, an 18th century clapper bridge which has historical significance and increased traffic. Members discussed the application and were all in favour of objecting to the proposal.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk will write to PBC setting out the objections of the PC.

19/20/238 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Councillor Cronshaw updated members on agreed speakers at the APM. A flyer will be produced inviting residents to attend and be distributed with the Parish Magazine.

RESOLVED:

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

19/20/239 ZURICH INSURANCE

Members discussed the renewal.

RESOLVED:

That the Parish Council would enter into a 5 year agreement with Zurich which would lower the premium.

19/20/240 BALSAM BASHING DAY

Councillor Donovan will discuss the issue with a resident in the village.

RESOLVED:

Councillor Ryder will ask the gardener to provide a quotation for removal of the balsam.

19/20/241 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Members discussed the competition. Councillors Murrell and Wilkinson will co-ordinate the competition.

RESOLVED:

That Newchurch, Sabden Fold and Spenbrook will all be entered in the competition.

19/20/242 DEVELOPMENT OF SPENBROOK MILL

Councillor Donovan updated members on his latest discussions with the owner, who has now decided to curtail all communication with the Parish Council. He has indicated that he will not reimburse residents in connection with the recent tyre punctures. PBC have the site listed as a problem site and have already issued some enforcement notices. The PC are in regular communication with PBC and LCC regarding the site working outside of hours, the perimeter fencing, mud on the road and road blockages and are continuing to do all they can to ensure regulatory compliance and residents safety.

RESOLVED:

That the information is noted.

19/20/243 CCTV - GDPR

Members discussed the requirements.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Councillor Donovan will update the GDPR policy.
- (b) That Councillor Cronshaw will produce the CCTV policy.

19/20/244 SIT ON MOWER

Councillors Donovan and Ryder will compile a list of volunteers for the mower. Councillor Donovan will complete the Health & Safety requirements and in compliance with insurance requirements, it is intended to ask Gary Birtwell from Barley to complete basic training for volunteers. It was also suggested that the shed on the playing field be removed and the shipping container for the mower be placed there.

RESOLVED:

That the information is noted.

19/20/245 PARISH MAINTENANCE

The gardener will start work shortly and will provide a price for the creation of the new rockery in Spenbrook. All drains in the village are blocked and despite being reported to LCC over the past twelve months, they have still not been attended to. The Clerk will contact PBC to ask if they can assist.

RESOLVED:

That the information is noted.

19/20/246 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

The financial transactions for the month of February/March 2020 were reviewed. Since the last meeting, payments totalling £1224.84 had been made, including £970.08 shown on the agenda and £60.26 for the renewal of membership to Lancashire Association of Local Councils and £194.50 reimbursed to Councillor Donovan for the purchase of the hand dryer.

RESOLVED:

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

19/20/247 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Borough Councillor Lioni advised members that he will be standing again in the forthcoming elections.

19/20/248 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

1. Parish Maintenance.
2. Spenbrook Mill.
3. Section 106 monies.
4. Website.
5. Annual Parish Meeting.
6. Best Kept Village

19/20/249 PARISH MAGAZINE ENTRY

Councillor Donovan will prepare the entry.

19/20/250 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 9.34pm.