

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

Minutes of Goldshaw Booth Parish Council Meeting held at Barley Village Hall on

Tuesday 9th November 2021

Persons present

Councillors: Ainsley Macadam, Kathleen Wilkinson, Frank Shiers, Brian Nutter

Clerk: Heather Robbins. In Attendance: Rev. Julie Smith, Ruth White

21/22/75 WELCOME TO MEMBERS AND VISITORS

21/22/76 STATEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR RYDER Deferred until next meeting due to Councillor Ryder's absence.

21/22/77 PUBLIC FORUM No points were raised or questions asked.

21/22/78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillors Ryder, Cowell, C Lioni (Borough Councillor) and Howard Hartley (Lancashire County Councillor).

21/22/79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None were made.

21/22/80 MINUTES Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2021 were approved with the correction of the spelling of Adrian Paling's name.

Cllr Shiers proposed, Cllr Nutter seconded and all approved the correction and publishing.

21/22/81 REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR, PARISH COUNCILLORS & CLERK

Cllr Ryder (queried by email) why the remains of the bonfire were not tidied up by Anthony Dawson and colleagues. Chair confirmed that the bonfire was scheduled to be cleared the following weekend as Anthony Dawson's wife had Covid. A brief description of the success of the bonfire event followed with approx. 30 people attending, a resident brought jacob-join pizzas and hot chocolate was shared. There were no adverse incidents.

Cllr Shiers reported that the ginnel between Osborne and Gorrell was passable and suggests we leave it for now. Cllr Wilkinson responded that as money had been allocated but had been delayed by an adjacent house renovation we should now go ahead. Discussion took place re. whether tarmac or gravel was appropriate, and also a question as to ownership or common land. It has been a path for fifty years (created at the time the houses were built) and was previously laid to tarmac at the top end. Cllr Nutter stated that we can't remove the tree roots and that chippings would make it impractical for bikes so suggested we tarmac. The Clerk will check how long the money remains allocated for that purpose so a decision can be made and this will be reviewed at the January meeting.

Cllr Shiers reported by email that grit bins needed attention with some being broken and salt levels needing replenishing.

Cllr Nutter reported that Cameron will need to remove the boskins to repair them, suggested tongue and groove boarding long term. Cllr Wilkinson suggested this be included in the items for next years best kept village. It was agreed that the boskins will go on the Agenda for the January meeting by which time we should have a quote from Cameron.

Cllr Wilkinson reported on Best Kept Village - Sabden Fold had an excellent commendation as a true Hamlet. There were possibly marks lost for not removing obsolete notices on the noticeboard. Newchurch and Spenbrook ratings to be addressed at a later date.

21/22/82 CCTV - UPDATE Since the close of the previous meeting Adrian Paling (Witches Galore) had volunteered for the camera to be sited on their premises (due to the planning issue), however, also since

the last meeting the Chair contacted PBC and was informed that the camera can, in fact, go on a pole without planning permission if for Parish Council purposes. The Planning Dept. were unsure why we had been advised of the opposite previously. The Clerk will organise a site meeting with Streetcam to finalise installation and dates.

As author of the CCTV Policies and Procedures, Cllr Shiers agreed to be the monitoring officer. Cllr Wilkinson proposed, Cllr Nutter seconded and all approved.

21/22/83 PLAYING FIELD STORAGE AND RIDE ON MOWER Cllr Nutter said it had been agreed to leave the moving of the mower and container until after the bonfire and so now he will liaise with Cllr Ryder to arrange the same.

As there will be very little growth between now and Spring it was agreed to delay the mowing till then. The Clerk would cancel Latham's mowing.

Cllr Shiers stated the alternative of selling both is still an option. The option to sell both the mower and the container to be reviewed at the next meeting.

21/22/84 REVIEW OF ASSET REGISTER Cllr Wilkinson reported on items on the register :-

The West Wall noticeboard - made by Brian Wilkinson

Picnic benches - Two on the top play area both needing some attention due to loose slats

Acer computer - no knowledge of this as present computer is a Dell

Three defibrillators - Newchurch, Sabden Fold and Spen Brook

New litter bins - Sabden Fold and the play area

John Deere mower and the storage container

The Clerk will update the register before the next meeting.

- Cllr Nutter raised the issue of reimbursing the electric used by the defibrillators at Sabden Fold to Andrew Barker as had been agreed by the PC. It will be checked as to how much electricity is used. The Clerk will check and report at the next meeting.

21/22/85 SPARABLE LANE REPAIRS (FUNDING) The Chair confirmed that PBC have agreed the Sparable Lane Section 106 expense and so all funding is now in place. The Chair also requested confirmation from Tom Partridge (PBC Countryside Access Officer) who confirmed he was already processing the purchase orders. Cllr Nutter enquired as to how much of Sparable Lane's remaining length was to be included in the upgrade and the Chair confirmed that it would be down to the gateway adjoining Sparable Wood.

Cllr Nutter suggested a new drain should be considered as there was perhaps an old stone drain but there was no mention of this made in the engineers report. The Chair showed the council the drawings done by PBC engineering department to demonstrate a considered approach but would pass on concerns to Tom Partridge and report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Ryder (by email) raised a complaint that the legal advice offered by Caroline Henning (resident barrister) should have been circulated and could have been biased as she lives at Sparable House. The Chair explained that the advice had been read but was considered unnecessary because PBC had already agreed that the Section 106 monies could be used. For the purposes of the Minutes the advice was shared again and was as follows, *"I've read it (Section 106). Would it be possible to arrange a meeting with the head of legal services at PBC. There's a clear way through this that isn't a question of illegality, merely a small amendment to the agreement with the builders. We will need to persuade them but it looks straight forward to me depending entirely on the mindset of the council..."*. If the matter had had to have been taken further the decision would have been made by the Council in the correct setting.

21/22/86 QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATION Cllr Wilkinson updated the Council with the confirmed date of the 2nd June 2022, the procession will start from Happy Valley at 1.30pm.

Items covered at the Jubilee meeting included the beacon on Pendle Hill and allocation of roles on preparation of the event and on the day. The evening event will be separated from the days activities by being a ticketed event. Further discussion is required re. public indemnity insurance for any floats.

21/22/87 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION: 21/0832/FUL (Consultation Deadline 8th Nov. 2021 - For Minutes Only)

PROPOSAL: Installation of replacement oil storage tank.

LOCATION: St. Mary's Church, Newchurch

21/22/88 SECTION 106 MONIES / PLAY AREA

As previously noted, PBC have agreed the Sparable Lane expense and this will go ahead.

The Chair pointed out that the reason the Sparable Lane funding agreement had taken so long and was almost refused was because the path was not considered to fit the terms of the agreement, that being 'open space'. This brought into question the original Section 106 Residents Questionnaire which included options such as CCTV (voted 1st on the questionnaire), heritage lamps, heritage signs and a bus shelter - which would have also, presumably, struggled for funding. The Chair went on to suggest that future Section 106 applications, to be successful, should undoubtedly come under the 'open space' remit and reminded the Council that the Section 106 monies were awarded in March 2018 and had a limited 'lifespan' of 5 years. The PC now has approx. 18 months to agree, get quotes and finalise the spending of the remainder Section 106 fund or risk it being 'returned' to the current developers.

Park/Play area - The Chair presented quotes from both Sovereign (£9769.15 +VAT) and Wicksteed (£9604.06 +VAT) for play equipment. These were based on the Community's wishes to refurbish the top play area/park, and the presentation of the annual play equipment Safety Report. Although the climbing frame was considered 'Low Risk' in the report, due to the rusting metal edges, the Council considers it essential to be replaced. Cllr Shiers made the observation that Sovereign was perhaps a preferred design but it was agreed to go with Wicksteed as the quote included refurbishment of the swings and 'mushroom' stools for a combined lower price.

This acceptance of the quote was proposed by Cllr Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr Shiers and all approved. The Chair and Clerk will approach PBC and Wicksteed to progress the project.

The Chair proposed that further money could be saved by the Community re-painting the remaining play equipment rather than the previously agreed expense of Brian Pinder (approx. £500). This was seconded by Cllr Shiers and approved by all for a work party to carry out in the Spring.

Cllr Shiers suggested we use the remaining money for an access-for-all pathway through the park/play area as it is an open-space project, it was agreed that this option would be followed up by the Chair and reported back at the next meeting.

21/22/89 PARISH BENCHES deferred to next meeting.

21/22/90 PARISH MAINTENANCE Cllr Wilkinson requested permission to purchase spring bulbs and compost, an allocated amount of £25.00

Cllr Nutter proposed, Cllr Shiers seconded and all approved.

Gardener - Job description will be detailed by the Clerk for future tenders.

Dog waste bin Cllr Shiers reported damage to a bin which will be reported when the Clerk chases PBC with regards to the dog fouling signs.

A resident raised a complaint that Cllr Ryder had felled a tree at the bottom of the park/play area which they considered had been done without authority and have since reported it to PBC. As it is usual that permission should be obtained from Lee Johnson the PBC environmental representative, it was agreed that in Cllr Ryder's absence we inform him of investigation into the incident. It must also be stated that no further felling is to take place without appropriate permission and the following of due process. Cllr Ryder will also be asked to present evidence as to his reasons for felling the tree.

Cllr Wilkinson noted that previously, any trees be removed due to ash die back were marked with paint by Chris Binny.

Blocked road grates were marked on the diagram to be uploaded to the councils portal.

21/22/91 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

Expenditure

October 2021 - Pendleside Jubilee Committee - £500.00

Proposed by Cllr Nutter seconded by Cllr Shiers, approved by all.

26/10/21 Pendle Borough Council - playground inspection - £71.40 (to be disputed until we have queried the report)

Clerk to inform PBC and report back at next meeting.

Income

Toilet - £45.00

PROW - Pendle Borough Council - £500.00

21/22/92 PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

Christmas Lights The Parochial Church Council suggested that a combined Christingle service and turning on of Christmas lights takes place on the 5th December 2021.

The Council all approve the joint event and it was thought that light switch-on was carried out prior to the service. It was suggested that Cllr Nutter and Cllr Ryder liaise re. installation of the lights and a PA system could maybe be sourced, Rev. Julie Smith will liaise with David on this.

All Councillors agreed that Lorna the Rush-Bearing Queen should be asked to turn on the Christmas lights.

Rev. Julie Smith will organise posters to be approved by the Parish Council.

There continued discussion and agreement that it would be nice for the Community to resurrect the Santa's Sleigh event. The Chair suggested maybe incorporating this into the lights switch-on event but Rev. Julie and others considered this too much in one event. It was left that the Council would look at other options for this.

21/22/93 NEW COUNCILLOR APPLICATIONS Anthony Dawson had attended a previous meeting and emailed an application of commitment to join the Parish Council. Unfortunately he could not attend the meeting as his wife has Covid. His application was discussed and agreed. Co-option onto the Council was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Shiers with support from Cllr Nutter and Cllr Wilkinson.

As per recommendation from LALC, the Clerk and the Chair will present Anthony Dawson the co-option paperwork for completion (after he has completed self-isolation and, as agreed, the bonfire site is cleared).

21/22/94 REPORTS FROM PENDLE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS No reports were presented

21/22/95 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Statement from Cllr Ryder

Sparable Lane Update

Spenbrook Ginnel

Best Kept Village - update / plans

Boskins

Playing field storage & ride on mower

CCTV - Streetcam update

Asset Register

Play Equipment (Wicksteed) progress

Jubilee Celebration

Defibrillators - electricity costs

Access-for-all pathway

Parish Benches

Playground inspection report query

21/22/96 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 11th January 2022