



Minutes of Meeting 18th January 2011

Present: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Boro' Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent, PCSO. Ivan Hartley, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest,

Members of public in attendance: Two

3062: Police Report and Public Questions

- PCSO Harley had no local crimes to report. Three highway disruptions were referred to. Anti-Social Patrols are being held in this and surrounding areas
- There were no public questions.

3063: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

No interests were declared.

3064: Minutes of the last meeting

Cllr. Ingham proposed that the minutes of the last meeting were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Tetley and agreed.

3065: Matters arising (for information only).

There were no matters arising.

3066: Parish Council Vacancy

Councillor Townsend has tendered his resignation. As there are now two vacancies, Cllr. Ingham proposed that Mr. John Metcalfe and Mr. David Johnston be co-opted onto the council. Cllr. Tetley seconded the proposal and all agreed.

3067: Finance

- Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.
- A change in the Bank Mandate is necessary after the resignation of Cllr. Townsend. Cllr. Ingham proposed that Cllr. Lomax act as the third signatory. Cllr. Tetley seconded the motion and all agreed.
- The Precept: Cllr Ingham explained the items shown on the Income and Expenditure sheet which he distributed. The Finance Committee suggested an increase in the precept was required to cover the reduction in the grant from Pendle Borough Council of £285. Cllr. Ingham proposed that the precept be increased by this amount, the increase on the precept being 9%, but the actual increase in the parish funding being 0%. This was seconded by Cllr. Watson and all agreed.

- Following discussions at the Finance Committee meeting, Cllr. Ingham proposed that the monthly subsidy to the Village Hall be reduced from £75 to £50. This was seconded by Cllr. Watson and agreed by the council.
- Insurance: A discussion was held regarding insurance cover on various items owned by the Parish. The Finance Committee recommended the removal of several of these items. Cllr. Ingham proposed that their recommendations be acted upon and this was seconded by Cllr. Tetley. All were in favour. The items removed from the Assets Register will be included in an inventory.

3068: Clover Croft Development

Plot B is progressing.

3069: The Spout

An additional sign has been made for the spout and will be installed soon.

3070: Four Alls Inn

The Four Alls has reopened with a temporary manager.

3071: Planning Applications and Decisions

A radio mast, outdoor classroom and adventure agility trail applied for by St. John's Primary School has been approved.

3072: Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting. Various items which arrived after the report went out were reported verbally at the meeting

3073: County Councillor's Report

- Money is available for Highways improvement.
- A partnership with BT should lead to improved broadband reception.
- The County Budget is still under consideration.

3074: Borough Councillor's Report

- Cuts in the Budget have not yet been finalised. It is hoped that there will be fewer redundancies than have been anticipated.
- The local Member of Parliament is organising a visit to the House of Commons. Councillor Gadd expressed an interest in participating.

3075: Committee/ Working Group Reports

- Clover Croft Development. The payment of the section 106 money and the materials to be used for the footpath were discussed at the Barrowford and Western Parishes meeting. Decisions on both are awaited at the next meeting.

3076: Sabden Rd Car Park

A written estimate has now been received from the contractors and the order sent off. Work should begin soon.

3077: Land between 106 Higham Hall Road and the Village Hall

Copies of the Lease have now been received and signed.

3078: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection

- Cllr. Gadd reported that the rocking structure has been removed and the resulting void filled in by the Lengthsman.
- A complaint about the waterlogged condition on the approach to the playground has been received from a member of the public.
- The top of the structure used as a bandstand is presently lying on the basketball court. As it is in poor condition it presents a Health and Safety threat and should be removed as soon as possible. The person responsible has been informed.

3079: Parish Matters

- Items for “The Spout” have been passed to the editor.
- The SPID has been passed on to Fence.
- Boundary Signs. A vote is to be held about the need or otherwise for extra signs at the next meeting.
- Dog fouling. An item on Dog Fouling is to be included in the next edition of “The Spout”. Boro’ Cllr. Starkie will ensure that the Enforcement Officer is available to be photographed for the item at the request of Cllr. Ingham.
- Water from the leak has been tested by Pendle Borough Council. It is believed that the water emanates from the mains water supply. It has been reported to United Utilities, action is awaited.

3080: Parish Lengthsman Scheme

- The Lengthsman has removed the rocking structure from the playground and made good to the surface. He has replaced the stone which had fallen from the wall on Higham Hall Road. The hedges on Blind Lane and the hedging around the road signs have been trimmed.
- The Lengthsman will be asked to look at the leak on Back Lane where there is a possible blockage of a stream, causing water to flood onto the road.

3081: Correspondence

Further correspondence was reported during item 3072.

3082: Items for Future Discussion

Positioning of the new bench on the playground.

3061: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 15th February 2011 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.16 pm.