

Minutes of Meeting 19th August 2014

Present: Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley (Chairman), Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. T. Butterfield, Cllr. Mr. J. Hammond, Cllr. Ms. R. Jefferson, Cllr. Mr. R. Willoughby, Mrs. A. Hammond (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie.

Members of public in attendance: None.

| No | Minute Heading | Action |
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| 3906 | <p>Public Questions Cllr. Metcalfe made an enquiry on behalf of the residents of Barkerfield Close regarding trees alongside Higham Hall Road which are severely overgrown and encroaching onto residents' back gardens. Lancashire CC have advised in writing that the area is unadopted and they have no responsibility for the trees, and written confirmation has been obtained from Pendle BC that neither TPO nor conservation area status is applicable. The Parish Council had no objection to the pruning or removal of the trees at the residents' expense.</p> | |
| 3907 | <p>Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct No interests were declared.</p> | |
| 3908 | <p>Minutes of the last meeting Cllr. Hammond proposed that the minutes were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Ingham and agreed.</p> | |
| 3909 | <p>Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only). There were no matters arising.</p> | |
| 3910 | <p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheques were explained and signed. | |
| 3911 | <p>Planning Applications and Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13/14/0292P – Corncroft, Sabden Road, Higham. Conversion of existing garage/workshop to create single dwelling including external alterations. Refused. • 13/14/0304P – Clover Croft Mill, Higham Hall Road. Erection of timber fence along top of existing stone boundary wall to east and north of Block D. Councillors felt that a timber fence was not appropriate in this location in view of its boundary with two listed buildings. However, they agreed that coping and wrought iron fencing (as on the front elevation) or planting would be acceptable. | Clerk to email Pendle BC |
| 3912 | <p>Clover Croft Development Close to completion. Finishing touches are now taking place.</p> | |
| 3913 | <p>School Parking Co. Cllr. Wakeford will attend a meeting with Huntroyd Estate in September regarding use of land adjacent to the school as a car park. Initial indications are positive.</p> | |
| 3914 | <p>Clerk's Report and Correspondence The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mail received from Graham Fitton re village hall alterations. Comments noted. Cllr. Butterfield will replace Cllr. Hammond as Parish Council representative on the village hall committee. • E-mail received from Steve Shaw, Local Works, asking for support for a Parish Council's right to sell excess electricity generated by them. | <p>Clerk to send reply.</p> <p>Clerk to e-mail confirming Parish Council's support.</p> |

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| 3915 | <p>County Councillor's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lancashire CC are considering extending the 40mph speed limit on the bypass to cover the Fence and Higham areas. Due to withdrawal of funding from the Countryside Access Service, Lancashire CC may retake control of footpaths from Pendle BC. Cllr. Butterfield raised the issue of weeds around the village, particularly on the Acres Brook Road estate. | Co. Cllr. Wakeford will report the problem. |
| 3916 | <p>Borough Councillor's Report</p> <p>Boro. Cllr. Starkie did not attend the meeting as he was away but he e-mailed a brief report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> He has had the Stump Hall sign fixed. There are still issues at Haddings Farm. There are land ownership issues with Porky's catering container. | |
| 3917 | <p>The Spout</p> <p>No report this month.</p> | |
| 3918 | <p>Refurbishment of Sheds</p> <p>Councillors met on site prior to the meeting and decided to proceed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 – Demolish block walling at rear and tidy the area surrounding the building Phase 2 – Repoint walls to both gable ends and rear elevation Phase 3 – Repair front elevation Phase 4 – Concrete floors Phase 5 – Reroof <p>Co. Cllr. Wakeford suggested that additional funding may be available from the Lancashire Environment Fund.</p> | Co. Cllr. Wakeford will make enquiries. |
| 3919 | <p>Best Kept Village</p> <p>Deferred until November.</p> | |
| 3920 | <p>Committee/Working Groups</p> <p>The Chairman attended the Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An enforcement notice has still not been served on the owners of the catering container on the A6068. It was decided to change the heading of this item to "Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee/Village Hall Committee. | Clerk to effect. |
| 3921 | <p>Parish Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easements: One still outstanding. 20mph limit: Not being enforced. Co. Cllr. Wakeford will raise the matter at a meeting in December and report back. Other Parish Matters: Village Hall alterations – see item 3914. Grit bins on Acres Brook Road need replacing Dog fouling on playing fields. An e-mail has been received from a resident of Clover Croft regarding visitors to the estate and the village green parking on both sides of a blind bend, creating a danger to children and home owners. Councillors sympathised with the predicament but unfortunately have no power to take action. | Co. Cllr. Wakeford will report Cllrs. Hammond and Butterfield will erect signs. Clerk to send reply. |
| 3922 | <p>Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr. Metcalfe has spoken to the lengthsman about repairs to the wall in the church yard. Councillors agreed to proceed with the work. | Cllr. Metcalfe to confirm with lengthsman. |
| 3923 | <p>Items for future discussion/next agenda</p> <p>Over 60's Christmas party.</p> | |
| 3924 | <p>The date of the next meeting:</p> <p>Tues 16th September 2014 at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.</p> | |