

**Minutes of Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

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

**Apologies:** Co. Cllr. Mr. C. Wakeford, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie.

**Members of public in attendance:** One.

No	Minute Heading	Action
4026	<p><b>Public Questions</b> A resident enquired as to why there is a sign on the spout advising that the water is not suitable for drinking. He was informed that it was necessary to conform to EU rules. He also complained about rubbish on the Pinfold and in the culvert which runs underneath it. The Chairman said that the Parish Council would investigate and take appropriate action. See item 4042. He further enquired about the right of way between Clover Croft and the playing field where lockable bollards have been placed at both ends. He was advised that the posts were installed to comply with a legal agreement made with the Developers. They are able to be removed to allow access if necessary.</p>	
4027	<p><b>Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct</b> No interests were declared.</p>	
4028	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> Cllr. Willoughby requested an amendment to item 4020 which has now been done. Cllr. Ingham proposed that the minutes were otherwise correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Hammond and agreed.</p>	
4029	<p><b>Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only).</b> None</p>	
4030	<p><b>Finance</b> • Cheques were explained and signed.</p>	
4031	<p><b>Planning Applications and Decisions</b> • None</p>	
4032	<p><b>Clover Croft Development</b> • One or two dwellings still to be sold. The compound has been removed and the area will be seeded in the spring.</p>	
4033	<p><b>School Parking</b> A meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday with Huntroyd, Higham School and Lancashire County Council to discuss the possibility of using land next to the school for car parking.</p>	
4034	<p><b>Clerk's Report and Correspondence</b> • The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.</p>	
4035	<p><b>County Councillor's Report</b> • Co. Cllr. Wakeford e-mailed his apologies and advised that he will attend the meeting next Wednesday re school parking.</p>	
4036	<p><b>Borough Councillor's Report</b> • Boro. Cllr. Starkie e-mailed his apologies.</p>	
4037	<p><b>The Spout</b> The Spout has now been distributed. All agreed it was a very good issue, particularly the "Village Life" article detailing the many activities held in Higham, compiled by Margaret Ingham. The deadline for items to be included in the next issue is 10 April.</p>	

4038	<p><b>Refurbishment of Sheds on Playing Fields</b> The area surrounding the sheds will be cleared soon. A site visit will then be arranged to decide how to proceed.</p>	
4039	<p><b>Best Kept Village</b> Preparation to begin in March.</p>	Clerk to obtain application form
4040	<p><b>Barrowford &amp; Western Parishes Committee/Village Hall Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairman attended the B &amp; W Parishes Committee meeting. The planning application for 1 Rake Top Avenue was refused. The owner has since made a complaint to Pendle BC which is being investigated.</li> <li>• Minutes of the Village Hall Committee meeting on 12 January have been received. The next meeting will be held on 13 April.</li> </ul>	
4041	<p><b>Parish Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20mph limit: Cllr. Butterfield has erected 20 mph signs at both entrances to the village.</li> <li>• Dog Fouling: Cllr. Butterfield suggested more signs be displayed.</li> <li>• Other Parish Matters:</li> <li>• Cllr. Butterfield raised the problem of litter on the bypass and Cllr. Ingham produced photographs of tyre marks on the grass verges close to Guide Lane.</li> <li>• Cllr. Gadd gave a presentation regarding ideas for a wildflower meadow on the playing field. He proposed that the Parish Council allocate £1,000 to fund the project. This was seconded by Cllr. Metcalfe and agreed with 6 in favour and 2 abstentions.</li> </ul>	Clerk to contact Lancs CC Highways Dept.
4042	<p><b>Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Metcalfe will investigate the complaint about debris in the culvert under the Pinfold and if necessary ask the lengthsman to clear it.</li> <li>• It was noted that rubbish has been dumped in the lane between Back Lane and Black Hill which is the responsibility of Sabden Parish Council.</li> </ul>	Clerk to contact Sabden PC Clerk
4043	<p><b>Items for future discussion/next agenda</b> None identified.</p>	
4044	<p><b>The date of the next meeting:</b> Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.</p>	