

Minutes of Meeting 17th June 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, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Co. Cllr. Mr. C. Wakeford, Mrs. A. Hammond (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd.

Members of public in attendance: None

No	Minute Heading	Action
3869	Public Questions • None	
3870	Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct Cllr. Hammond declared an interest in Planning Application Ref.13/14/0221P and left the room whilst the matter was discussed.	
3871	Minutes of the last meeting Cllr. Ingham proposed that the minutes were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Hammond and agreed.	
3872	Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only). Catering container – see item 3883	
3873	New Councillors There is now a full complement of Councillors.	Item to be removed from the Agenda. Clerk to write to retired Councillor Watson thanking her for her work.
3874	Finance • Cheques were explained and signed.	
3875	Planning Applications and Decisions • 13/14/0221P – 9 Rake Top Avenue. Erection of a detached dwelling with access from Kiln Hill. The application was discussed at length and the general consensus was that there were concerns about access to the site and highway safety along Kiln Hill. It was decided to respond in the terms of the e-mail subsequently sent to the planning authority dated 19 th June, as follows: “The main point of discussion was the access to the site from Kiln Hill. In 2004 outline planning permission was applied for and refused by Pendle Borough Council, the subsequent appeal was dismissed. The main reason for the dismissal was for highway safety along Kiln Hill. The Applicant’s Agent states that ‘The nature of Kiln Hill has significantly changed over the last few years from the original submission, and a recent application at the neighbouring property (Stonecroft) resulted in further changes which resulted in the road having a much more unmade road appearance rather than narrow rural track’. A photograph is then shown purporting to show this. The photograph actually shows the access to the garage of Stonecroft which is part of that property, and the proposed access to the application site which is part of that property, the width of the lane has not changed, the condition of the lane is little changed from 2004.	Clerk to email Pendle Borough Council.

	<p>The Parish Council would submit that there is more traffic using Kiln Hill now than in 2004, the Village Hall is busier with more vehicles using the car park, the garage and driveways to the adjacent houses are fully used, and the cars from the adjoining houses are often legally parked at the side of Kiln Hill.</p> <p>The Pendle Way footpath which runs up Kiln Hill is now much more popular now than in 2004, many more walkers use the footpath than 10 years ago.</p> <p>The Parish Council believes that the reasons given for refusal in 2004 are even more relevant now.</p> <p>For the above reasons, Higham Parish Council believes this application should be refused.</p> <p>If, however, the Borough Council sees fit to grant this application we would request that a condition should be imposed that any damage done to Kiln Hill during the development should be repaired, and Kiln Hill should be reverted back to its former condition.”</p>	
3876	<p>Clover Croft Development The development is close to completion. Finishing touches are now taking place.</p>	
3877	<p>School Parking Co. Cllr. Wakeford is still trying to contact Huntroyd regarding access to the land next to the school but to date they have not responded to his communications. It was suggested that he speak to Dave Forrest who has contacts within the Company.</p>	
3878	<p>The Playground Scheme (Opening Event) The opening event will take place on Sunday 13th July at 12 noon. Cllr. Jefferson has organised a “Picnic in the Park” with a number of attractions. It was suggested that the Village Hall be booked in case of bad weather. Leaflets are to be distributed and it will be advertised in the Spout.</p>	Councillors Jefferson, Hammond and Butterfield
3879	<p>Clerk’s Report and Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The clerk’s report was distributed before the meeting. 	
3880	<p>County Councillor’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parents of children attending denominational schools will be asked to contribute £475 towards travelling costs. Discussions have taken place regarding the possible introduction of a one-way system through part of the village. 	
3881	<p>Borough Councillor’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the recent local elections there has been little change to the make-up of the Council. Conservatives remain the largest group, followed by the Lib-Dems. Great War Centenary – A plaque will be unveiled in Roughlee on 3rd August. The event will be attended by several local dignitaries. An invitation was extended to any interested parties. 	
3882	<p>The Spout Information and photographs needed for the playground opening event and Race Night. Also further details re the Scarecrow Festival.</p>	Councillors Jefferson, Butterfield and Hammond.
3883	<p>Committee/Working Groups Cllr. Hammond attended Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An enforcement notice has been served on the owner of the catering container on the A6068. The Parish Council will now receive the same funding as last year for Christmas decorations. 	

3884	<p>Parish Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easements: Four payments have been received and four are still outstanding. • 20mph limit: Ongoing • Other Parish Matters: • Capital Grant – The deadline for applications is 23rd June 2014. It was agreed that the Parish Council would apply for a grant of £10,000 to refurbish the sheds on the playing field. • Village Hall – Alterations to replace a window with French doors have been carried out without first obtaining planning permission and without informing the Parish Council who are the trustees. The Village Hall committee have now applied for retrospective planning permission. 	<p>Clerk to send reminder letters.</p> <p>Councillor Ingham to submit application.</p> <p>Clerk to write to the Village Hall Committee requesting that the Parish Council be notified at least one month in advance of any future planned alterations.</p>
3885	<p>Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning and maintenance to the trough. 	<p>Chairman to arrange.</p>
3886	<p>Items for future discussion/next agenda None identified.</p>	
3887	<p>The date of the next meeting: Tues 15th July 2014 at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.</p>	