

Minutes of Meeting 16th June 2015

Present: Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. T. Butterfield, Cllr. Mr. J. Hammond, Cllr. Ms. R. Jefferson, Cllr. Mr. R. Willoughby, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Mrs. A. Hammond (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley (Chairman), Co. Cllr. Mr. C. Wakeford.

Members of public in attendance: None.

No	Minute Heading	Action
4103	Public Questions None	
4104	Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct No interests were declared.	
4105	Minutes of the last meeting Cllr. Hammond proposed that the minutes were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Willoughby and agreed.	
4106	Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only). • None	
4107	Finance • Cheques were explained and signed. • The Events Committee have asked the Parish Council to purchase a new Santa's Grotto and invoice to them in order to claim back the VAT. This was agreed unanimously and a cheque was raised for the 15% deposit requested by the supplier.	
4108	Planning Applications and Decisions • 13/15/0270P – 6 Fir Trees Grove, Higham, BB12 9BA. Full: Single storey extension to side and rear, two storey extension to rear and install platform lift and canopy to front. A site visit was arranged for next Tuesday at 7pm.	
4109	School Parking A discussion was held as to the likelihood of funds being available from Lancs CC for a car park and if so whether parents would use it. Boro. Cllr. Starkie felt that a better solution would be to introduce a temporary one way system on Higham Hall Road at school drop-off and pick-up times.	
4110	Clerk's Report and Correspondence • The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting. • The developers of Clover Croft have informed us that they will be unable to arrange re-seeding of the compound area until August. It was proposed by Cllr. Willoughby, seconded by Cllr. Metcalfe and agreed that an invoice be sent for rental, backdated to their last payment.	Clerk to send letter and invoice
4111	County Councillor's Report No report this month.	
4112	Borough Councillor's Report • Labour and Liberal Democrat councillors have joined forces on Pendle Borough Council, outnumbering the Conservatives.	
4113	The Spout • Issue No. 23 has now been distributed. Thanks to Boro. Cllr. Starkie, Margaret Ingham and everyone who contributed to it. The deadline for the next issue is 19 th September.	

4114	Refurbishment of Sheds on Playing Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman has obtained quotes for re-pointing of the sheds and will arrange for the work to be carried out when he returns from holiday. 	
4115	Playground Inspection This is due to take place on or by 23 rd July.	
4116	Best Kept Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is continuing with weed spraying throughout the village. Cllr. Butterfield brought photographs of areas around Moore Drive and West Close that are in need of attention. There is a water leak from under the road surface at the entrance to Moore Drive. There is a bush overhanging the pavement at the corner of Higham Hall Road and Acres Brook Road. 	Cllr. Metcalfe will report to the lengthsman Clerk to report to Lancs CC Cllr. Butterfield will inspect.
4117	Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee/Village Hall Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman will attend the next meeting of B&W Parishes Committee on 9th July. 	
4118	Parish Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easements: One payment is still outstanding 20 mph limit: Cllr. Metcalfe reported that the path from Laneside to Higham Hall Road is potentially dangerous if children were to run out onto the road in front of speeding traffic. Councillors agreed that it would be advantageous to have a barrier installed. Dog Fouling: Cllr. Metcalfe contacted a dog walking firm who have been seen using the playing field on a regular basis. They assured him that their dogs are not responsible for fouling the green. Capital Grant Application: An application has been submitted for £3,250 for the second phase of refurbishing the sheds. Other Parish Matters: The Village Meeting was a great success – around 35 people attended and an enjoyable evening was had by all. The Chairman reported on the work that has been carried out by the Parish Council throughout the year and preparation for the Best Kept Village Competition. Representatives of the various groups in the village talked about their activities, including the Church, Events Committee, Village Hall, Scarecrow Committee and Toddler Group. 	Cllr. Metcalfe will obtain quotes.
4119	Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lengthsman inspected the culvert but found no problems. The tree at the entrance to Clover Croft has been trimmed. Leaves and debris on Higham Hall Road have been cleared. Cllr. Metcalfe will ask the lengthsman to attend to the problems on West Close and near Moore Drive (see Item 4116). 	Cllr Metcalfe to contact lengthsman
4120	Items for future discussion/next agenda New clerk and one councillor needed. Path from Laneside to Higham Hall Road.	Add to Agenda Add to Agenda
4121	The date of the next meeting: Tuesday 21 st July 2015 at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.	