

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

**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, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Co. Cllr. Mr. C. Wakeford, Mrs. A. Hammond (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. R. Willoughby.

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

No	Minute Heading	Action
4045	<b>Public Questions</b> None	
4046	<b>Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct</b> No interests were declared.	
4047	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> Cllr. Ingham proposed that the minutes were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Metcalfe and agreed.	
4048	<b>Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only).</b> None	
4049	<b>Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheques were explained and signed.</li> </ul>	
4050	<b>Planning Applications and Decisions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13/15/0084P – 1 Rake Top Avenue, Higham, BB12 9BB. Full: Erection of single storey extension to side and rear elevations. The plans have now been modified following the original application which was refused. A member of the public raised objections but councillors voted unanimously in favour.</li> <li>• 13/15/0108P – 12 Clover Croft, Higham, BB12 2HR. Full: Erection of detached summer house building in rear garden. Councillors voted unanimously in favour.</li> <li>• 13/15/0023P – Acres Brook, Sabden Road, Higham, BB12 9BL. Full: Erection of two storey extension to rear and single storey extension to side. <b>Application withdrawn.</b></li> </ul>	Clerk to e-mail Pendle BC Planning Dept – no objections  Clerk to e-mail Pendle BC Planning Dept – no objections
4051	<b>Clover Croft Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The development is now complete apart from reseeding of the area used for the compound, which will be done shortly.</li> </ul>	Remove from agenda
4052	<b>School Parking</b> Co. Cllr. Wakeford attended a meeting at the school with a representative from Huntroyd. Part of the land required for the car park is leased to a farmer whose agreement will be needed to proceed with the project. A report from Huntroyd is awaited.	
4053	<b>Clerk's Report and Correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.</li> </ul>	
4054	<b>County Councillor's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co. Cllr. Wakeford reported that council tax is to be increased by 1.99%.</li> <li>• There will be significant cuts to spending on various aspects of road safety and on libraries.</li> <li>• The County Council's Youth Offenders team will be quashed.</li> </ul>	

4055	<p><b>Borough Councillor's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Tour of Britain will be coming to Pendle on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September starting in Clitheroe and finishing in Colne. The detailed route is yet to be finalised but it is anticipated that it will pass through Higham.</li> <li>• Angela Whitwell has been asked to send monthly reports to Parish Councils advising how many Lengthsman's hours are outstanding.</li> <li>• An early decision regarding the Capital Grant application for the next financial year is advisable.</li> </ul>	
4056	<p><b>The Spout</b></p> <p>The deadline for the next issue is 10 April. Items for inclusion: Village meeting 22 May and Best Kept Village competition.</p>	
4057	<p><b>Refurbishment of Sheds on Playing Fields</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairman has arranged for the area surrounding the sheds to be cleared and is awaiting a quote for re-pointing.</li> <li>• An e-mail was received from Pendle BC requesting a Capital Programme Update on the project.</li> </ul>	Clerk to e-mail response
4058	<p><b>Best Kept Village</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An application form has been completed.</li> <li>• Cllr. Butterfield suggested that a sub-committee be formed.</li> </ul>	Clerk to submit application form Cllr. Butterfield to speak to Cllr. Willoughby
4059	<p><b>Barrowford &amp; Western Parishes Committee/Village Hall Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The catering container on the A6068 has been granted planning permission.</li> </ul>	
4060	<p><b>Parish Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easements: Invoices to be sent out together with a notice regarding closure of the gate.</li> <li>• 20 mph limit: Ongoing</li> <li>• Dog Fouling: Signs have been placed at the Clover Croft entrance to the playing field by a member of the public.</li> <li>• Other Parish Matters: At this point the meeting had to be suspended. A member of the public who had sent a letter reiterating complaints made at last month's Parish Council meeting, became abusive and used threatening behaviour. This was the second consecutive meeting he had behaved in this manner. He refused to leave when asked by the Chairman, but was finally escorted out by the Borough Councillor. The meeting then resumed.</li> </ul>	Clerk to action
4061	<p><b>Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Metcalfe will arrange for the lengthsman to carry out any necessary maintenance to the culvert under the Pinfold and also to the spout and the header tank that feeds it.</li> <li>• An e-mail has been received from Angela Whitwell advising that we have 49 Lengthsman's hours in hand. A discussion was held as to the best use of this time.</li> </ul>	
4062	<p><b>Items for future discussion/next agenda</b></p> <p>Capital Grant application.</p>	
4063	<p><b>The date of the next meeting:</b></p> <p>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.</p>	