

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th November 2013

Present: Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley (Chairman), Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. J. Hammond, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. T. Butterfield, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Mrs. A. Hammond (Clerk).

Apologies: Co. Cllr. Mr. C. Wakeford.

Members of public in attendance: One

No	Minute Heading	Action
3730	Police Report and Public Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boro. Cllr. Starkie relayed a request from a resident of Nutter Crescent for a grit bin. 	To be added to the December Agenda
3731	Declaration of Councillors' Interests/Code of Conduct No interests were declared.	
3732	Minutes of the last meeting Cllr. Hammond proposed that the minutes were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Ingham and agreed.	
3733	Matters Arising from the Minutes (for information only) None	
3734	New Councillors One new member, Rachael Jefferson, has joined the Parish Council on a trial basis. One further Councillor is needed.	
3735	Finance Cheques were explained and signed.	
3736	Clover Croft Development Discussions with the developer have concluded that the compound cannot be converted to hard standing as the homes were sold on the understanding that it will be returned to grass as agreed with the Parish Council.	Boro. Cllr. Starkie will ascertain whether this agreement can be changed.
3737	Planning Applications and Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13/13/0502P – Moorcotes, Guide Lane, Higham. No objections. • 13/13/0532P – 1 Barkerfield Close, Higham. No objections. 	Clerk to email Pendle BC Planning Dept.
3738	Over Sixties Christmas Dinner Cllr. Watson has booked the caterers and entertainer. Invitations have been delivered.	
3739	Clerk's Report and Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting. • Correspondence received from Mr. Norman Stott, Chairman of School Governors, regarding routes taken by emergency ambulances into Higham via narrow country lanes due to GPS misguidance, 	Clerk is in communication with NW Ambulance Service who are investigating the matter.

	<p>causing delays and possibly endangering lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further email received from Mr. Stott regarding fly tipping on Guide Lane. He reported it to Pendle BC who responded quickly. They hope to find evidence of the culprits. 	
3740	<p>County Councillor's Report Not available.</p>	
3741	<p>Borough Councillors Report Funding is available for transport infrastructure in Pendle. It is envisioned that the last section of the M65 at Colne will cease to be part of the motorway and be linked to a proposed bypass at Foulridge to relieve congestion in the area.</p>	
3742	<p>Committee/Working Groups No report this month.</p>	
3743	<p>Playground Scheme The overall cost has been reduced to £50,497 plus VAT. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Gadd for his work.</p>	
3744	<p>Defibrillator It is recommended that a mid-range model be purchased at a cost of approximately £980. An article has been placed in The Spout thanking Ann Stevenson for co-ordinating the project.</p>	
3745	<p>Parish Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easements: One still outstanding. • Condition of street signs: ongoing. • The Spout: Boro. Cllr. Starkie anticipates that it will be ready for distribution at the end of November. Items for inclusion requested. He expressed his thanks to Margaret Ingham for her help. • The trees on Chapel Street have been pruned but unfortunately some damage was caused to a resident's window. • A tree at the end of Laneside Avenue has also been pruned. • The manhole cover in Higham Hall Road has been replaced and the resident concerned has thanked members of the Parish Council. 	<p>Cllr. Tetley & Cllr. Butterfield will carry out refurbishment. To be added to future Agendas as a separate item.</p> <p>The contractor will cover cost of repair.</p>
3746	<p>Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stile has been replaced on Foxendole Lane. 	
3728	<p>Items for future discussion/ next agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardstanding on playing field • Over 60's Christmas Dinner • The Spout • Grit bin for Nutter Crescent 	
3729	<p>The date of the next meeting: Tuesday 17th December 2013 at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9.35pm.</p>	

