



Minutes of Meeting 16th October 2012

Present: Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe (Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr Mr B Ingham, Cllr. Mr. D. Johnston, Cllr Mr R Gadd, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent.

Members of public in attendance: Three

No	Minute Heading	Action
3461	<p>Police Report and Public Questions There was no formal police report. Two members of the public asked questions about the proposed anemometer mast relating to the timescale for response and lack of information to residents. The application and objections were discussed in item 3468 Another member of the public asked about the water overflowing from the field into properties on Acresbrook Rd. This was discussed in item 3470</p>	Councillors to investigate wordings of objection to the proposed mast. Objections to be brought before Barrowford and Western Parishes meeting.
3462	<p>Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct No interests were declared.</p>	
3463	<p>Minutes of the last meeting Cllr. Ingham highlighted some inaccuracies in the September minutes.</p>	The clerk to amend September minutes.
3464	<p>Matters arising (for information only). There were no matters arising from the last meeting.</p>	
3466	<p>Finance Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were approved and signed.</p>	
3467	<p>Clover Croft Development Some of the proposed gateways to the properties have been approved by the Planning Dept. The gateways to the properties on Higham Hall Rd have been not been approved.</p>	
3468	<p>Planning Applications and Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no objections to the application for the parking development on Halmote Avenue, or the two amended applications on Foxendole Lane. 	The clerk to respond to Planning applications.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ingham proposed an objection to the anemometer mast, seconded by Cllr Gadd and agreed by all. 	Cllr. Gadd to investigate the wording of a previous letter of objection to a planning proposal. Objections to be taken to Barrowford and Western Parishes meeting. Cllr. Gadd to deliver requests for response to residents on Acresbrook Rd.
3469	<p>Lane to Sagar Hill Rd Mr Fitton has been contacted and has promised intervention</p>	To be retained as an item on the next agenda
3470	<p>Projects The sheds on the Playground</p>	Ongoing
3471	<p>Wild Flower Area The site of a wild flower area was discussed. Mr Sutcliffe needs to be included in discussions</p>	Mr. Sutcliffe to be invited to Parish Council meetings. The item to be included in the next agenda.
3472	<p>Water Overflow into Acresbrook Rd Properties Water flowing from the field into properties in Acresbrook Rd was discussed. Cllr. Ingham suggested checking the overflow pipe from the spout header tank for blockages.</p>	Chairman to contact Cllr. Tetley to arrange a meeting with the Lengthsman to check the condition of the overflow pipe.
3473	<p>Clerk's Report and Correspondence The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting. Correspondence from Pendle Borough Council about the withdrawal of funding for festive decorations was discussed. Cllr. Gadd proposed that the shortfall of £684 be made up from Parish funds this year, but that residents of the village be asked to decide whether an increase in the precept would be acceptable to provide the money for future decorations.</p>	The clerk to respond to correspondence with the decision for 2012.
3474	<p>County Councillor's Report On behalf of Co. Cllr. Derwent, Boro. Cllr. Starkie reported on concerns about the entrance to the new Farm Shop and Café on the A6068. A brown tourist sign will be requested. He also passed on concerns about the grass verge outside Ashlar House Farm.</p>	
3475	<p>Borough Councillors Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boro. Cllr. Starkie outlined the proposed Boundary Changes in Pendle. • Reduction of grants has been held at £102. • Core Strategy: Pendle's Policy is on the website. Cllr. Gadd asked if the Policy could be explained at a future meeting. 	The clerk to invite Mr John Halton to speak at a future meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The elections for a Crime Commissioner was brought to the attention of the meeting. • Crime reports will be available on request 	
3476	Committee/Working Groups Nothing affecting Higham	
3477	The Playground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Gadd has obtained quotes for repairs to the swings. Cllr. Ingham proposed purchasing two flat seats for delivery only and to be fixed by the Lengthsman • The buffers and posts have yet to be repaired. 	The clerk to request two flat swing seats and delivery. The Lengthsman to be asked to replace the seats The Lengthsman to be asked to repair the buffer and posts
3478	The New Code of Conduct Wording Cllr. Ingham proposed accepting the new wording. Cllr. Watson seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.	The clerk to email acceptance of the new wording
3479	Parish Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Fouling: No report on any prosecution obtained as yet. • Sheds on the playing fields: Ongoing. • The Spid: • Fir Trees bus shelter (noticeboard). Now installed. • Easements: One easement outstanding. • The Spout is ready for delivery. A flyer for the Bonfire will be inserted. • Wall and gate behind the Village Hall. Progressing. • New Tree in the Village Centre: Mr Sutcliffe to be consulted. • Remembrance Service: Duties discussed with the new Chairman. • The Senior's Christmas Party: Cllr Watson outlined the preparations. 	Cllr. Johnston to collect The clerk to write to resident re withdrawal of access to the playing fields. Chairman to attend the Higham Service Invitations to be printed out and delivered
3480	Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rubber buffer to be installed on the playground gate • Wooden posts round the playground to be replaced • New flat swing seats to be attached on delivery 	
3481	Items for future discussion/ next agenda	
3482	The date of the next meeting: Tues 20 th November at 7.30pm The meeting closed at 9.25pm	