

Minutes of Meeting 20th October 2015

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

Apologies: Co. Cllr. Mr C. Wakeford, Boro. Cllr. Mr J. Starkie

Members of public in attendance: None

| No | Minute Heading | Action |
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| 4164 | Public Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. | |
| 4165 | Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No interests were declared. | |
| 4166 | Minutes of the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Tetley proposed that the minutes were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Metcalf and agreed. | |
| 4167 | Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no matters arising. | |
| 4168 | New Councillor and Clerk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One new Councillor needed. • Patricia Rosthorn was welcomed as the new Clerk | Vacancy to be advertised in the village notice boards. |
| 4169 | Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheques were explained and signed. • VAT reclaimed payment received of £1034.46 | |
| 4170 | Planning Applications and Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13/15/0435P: Field No. 4735 Guide Lane, Higham, BB12 9BX. Full: Erection of detached single dwelling with associated vehicular access and cartilage. Objections were raised on account of it being Greenbelt land. It is deemed to be an inappropriate development for that area. • 13/15/0392P – 28 Sabden Road, Higham, BB12 9BL. Full: Single storey extension to front and conservatory extension to rear. Approved | Clerk to email PBC |
| 4171 | School Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no report this month. | |
| 4172 | Clerk's Report and Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting. • Anthony Nutter, parking issues. P.C. has no power to intervene. • Paul Lloyd, EON white goods charity. • Remembrance Service, Sunday 8th November | Letter to be sent Notices to be displayed in the village |
| 4173 | County Councillor's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report this month. | |
| 4174 | Borough Councillor's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report this month | |

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| 4175 | The Spout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In agreement that it was a good issue. Roaming Roosters to be added to the distribution list and to leave off the 2 properties on the Higham / Fence border. | |
| 4176 | Refurbishment of Sheds on Playing Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sheds are looking a lot better. The walls and floor have been finished. The roof is still ongoing. Nothing has been agreed yet for the doors but the framework is ok. Spare timber needs disposing of as it is a fire risk. Personal items are no longer to be kept in the sheds Costings as to the feasibility of having electricity in the sheds is to be investigated | Grant of £1750 from last year to now be claimed. Cllr. Metcalf to get a quote for it being disposed of. Cllr. Willoughby |
| 4177 | Playground Inspection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The required parts have been purchased and passed to the lengthsman | Lengthsman to fit new parts |
| 4178 | Path from Laneside to Higham Hall Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no report this month. | |
| 4179 | Best Kept Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman and Cllr. Jefferson attended the award ceremony and collected a plaque, certificate and trophy on behalf of the village. Article and photos to appear in Lancashire Life's December edition. It was agreed that the trophy should be kept behind the bar in the Four Alls for all to see. | Verbal thanks to be given to all involved and a letter of thanks to be sent to Mel Saunders. |
| 4180 | Over 60's Christmas Party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be held on Monday 7th December. Bar license to be applied for. Cllr. Hammond to organise the catering and entertainment and Cllr. Gadd to organise the drinks and glasses. | Paperwork and fee to be sent off for the bar license. |
| 4181 | Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee/Village Hall Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman attended the B&W Parishes Committee meeting this month and reported that there was nothing to note that involved Higham. Cllr. Butterfield attended the Village Hall meeting and gave a brief report. The floor is a concern and quotes are being obtained for its restoration. | |
| 4182 | Parish Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easements: None outstanding 20 mph limit: Ongoing Dog Fouling: The broken post has been repaired Christmas tree: Tree still to be sourced. Decorations ready to be collected. Chairman to arrange this. Other Parish Matters: Cllr. Willoughby is still liaising with the company regarding the reinstatement of the land. Trees are overhanging the footpath at the bottom of the village making it inaccessible for walkers. The wooden planter underneath the Higham sign is falling apart and needs removing. | Chairman to sort. Cllr. Metcalf to investigate who has responsibility for these. |
| 4183 | Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair jobs ongoing on the park. | |
| 4184 | Items for future discussion/next agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clovercroft / land reinstatement. Best kept village maintenance list. | |
| 4185 | The date of the next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9.30 pm. | |