



## Minutes of Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**Present:** Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe (Chairman) Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, (Vice-Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr Mr B Ingham, Cllr. Mr. D. Johnston, Cllr Mr R Gadd, , Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley; Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie; Co Cllr Mrs S Derwent, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

**Apologies:** None

**Members of public in attendance:** None

No	Minute Heading	Action
3442	<b>Police Report and Public Questions</b> There was no formal police report.	
3443	<b>Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct</b> No interests were declared.	
3444	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> Cllr. Ingham proposed that the minutes of the last meeting were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Watson and agreed.	
3445	<b>Matters arising (for information only).</b> There were no matters arising from the last meeting.	
3446	<b>Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were approved and signed.</li> <li>• Cllr. Ingham read out a letter from the Village Hall Committee thanking the Parish Council for their help in purchasing cups and saucers, and for the contribution towards the repair of the wall behind the Hall.</li> </ul>	
3447	<b>Clover Croft Development</b> One more property has been sold.	
3448	<b>Planning Applications and Decisions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no planning applications this month.</li> <li>• The application from Moorcotes (3429, August 2012) has been approved.</li> </ul>	
3450	<b>Projects</b> The sheds on the Playground.	Ongoing
3451	<b>Clerk's Report and Correspondence</b> The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting	

3452	<p><b>County Councillor's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co. Cllr. Derwent reported on areas for the 20mph limit. It was noted that Fir Trees Lane had been omitted. She quoted part of a letter from the police which referred to penalties for speeding in these areas.</li> <li>• Boro. Cllr. Starkie suggested that the number of 20mph signs be limited.</li> <li>• Co. Cllr. Derwent checked that the potholes (3438) had been repaired.</li> </ul>	Co. Cllr. Derwent to report the omission of Fir Trees Lane
3453	<p><b>Borough Councillors Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boro. Cllr. Starkie summarised the crime figures for July which he had received from Lancashire Constabulary. These showed a reduction in crime for Higham on July 2011.</li> </ul>	
3454	<p><b>Committee/Working Groups</b> Nothing affecting Higham.</p>	
3455	<p><b>The Playground</b> There was no Playground report this month. However, the report from RoSPA noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• repairs to two of the swings were needed .</li> <li>• a buffer was needed on the gate.</li> <li>• two of the wooden posts were missing.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr. Gadd to get quotes for repairs to the swings.</p> <p>The Lengthsman to be asked to repair the buffer and posts</p>
3456	<p><b>Register of Interest forms</b> These were distributed for completion.</p>	The clerk to return these to the Borough Council Offices
3457	<p><b>Parish Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog Fouling: No report on prosecution obtained as yet.</li> <li>• Four Alls Wall: Improved appearance. Some concerns regarding the height and the quality of the pointing.</li> <li>• Sheds on the playing fields: Ongoing.</li> <li>• The Spid: Cllr. Johnston was unable to collect the Spid.</li> <li>• Fir Trees bus shelter (noticeboard).</li> <li>• Easements: Two still outstanding.</li> <li>• Potholes: These have now been repaired.</li> <li>• Wild flower area: Mr Sutcliffe was suggested for advice, upkeep of rockery was discussed.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-build gate and wall round the bins behind the Village Hall</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr. Forrest to contact the dog warden.</p> <p>Cllrs. Forrest and Tetley to collect. To be fixed.</p> <p>The position of the wild flower area to be on the next agenda. The clerk to write to thank Mr. Saunders for his work on the rockery. To be an item on the next agenda.</p> <p>Cllr. Watson to request £200 at the next Village Hall Committee meeting</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other Parish Matters: Cllr. Metcalfe showed a letter and map re. a grant to upgrade the walk from Foxendole Lane to West Close Avenue and asked for ideas for the next meeting. Preparation for the next edition of 'The Spout' is almost complete.</li> </ul>	To be returned to future agendas.
3458	<p><b>Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ivy in the churchyard has been cleared.</li> <li>A rubber buffer to be installed on the playground gate</li> <li>Wooden posts round the playground to be replaced.</li> </ul>	
3459	<p><b>Items for future discussion/ next agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seniors Christmas Party</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr. Watson to contact Diane's Catering and Glen South. The clerk to request drinks licence.</p>
3460	<p><b>The date of the next meeting:</b> Tues 16th October at 7.30pm</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.51pm</p>	