



Minutes of Meeting 17th April 2012

Present: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. D. Johnston, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie.

Members of public in attendance: None.

3349: Police Report and Public Questions

There was no Police report or Public Questions.

3350: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

No interests were declared.

3351: Minutes of the last meeting

Cllr. Ingham proposed that the minutes of the last meeting were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Watson and agreed.

3352: Matters arising (for information only).

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

3353: Finance

- Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.
- Cllr Ingham presented the accounts and proposed that these were a true record. Cllr Lomax seconded this and all agreed
- Audit of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement. It was proposed by Cllr. Ingham, seconded by Cllr. Watson and agreed unanimously to approve the Statement of Accounts and receive the Internal Auditor, Mr. G. Fitton's report. This report raised no matters of concern. The Annual Governance Statement was executed wholly in the affirmative.

3354: Clover Croft Development

Building work continues. Councillors all expressed satisfaction with the appearance of the walls

3355: Planning Applications and Decisions

- 46 Sabden Road: There were no objections to the replacement conservatory
- Foxendole Lane: Planning permission for an agricultural dwelling has been refused

3356: Clerk's Report and Correspondence

- The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.
- A notice about the closure of Public Footpaths 33 and 60 will be displayed.

3355: County Councillor's Report

There was no Co. Councillor's report.

3356: Borough Councillor's Report

There was no Borough Councillors report.

3357: Committee/ Working Group Reports

There are no working group reports this month.

3358: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection

The gate to the playground has been repaired and the missing fence palings replaced.

3359: Annual Village Meeting

This will be held on Friday 11th May at 7pm in the Village Hall. The clerk will prepare and display notices.

3360: The Bridleway, Sagar Hill

The Countryside Access Officer has contacted Cllr. Ingham regarding a bid to improve the drainage to the bridleway adjacent to Sagar Hill Farm. He asked for support for the project and a possible contribution from the Parish Council. After a discussion Cllr. Ingham proposed a contribution of £200, this was seconded by Cllr. Metcalfe and agreed by all.

3361: Parish Matters

- Dog fouling: There has been no improvement.
- School Parking: A response from the Head Teacher at the school has been received along with copies of letters to parents about the issue.
- Pub car park and bollard: The bollard has been replaced but the stone boundary wall to the car park is still leaning dangerously on to the road. The clerk is to write to the brewery owners and include a suggestion of a contribution towards the cost if the wall is replaced with stone matching the wall around Clovercroft Development. A copy of the letter will be sent to the landlords of the Four Alls.
- Spout News: The next edition will be due in June.
- The SPID is still in Fence. It should be passed to Roughlee soon
- Fir Trees bus shelter: This is now completed and will be erected within a few days.
- Village Hall Wall: Further estimates have been received and one more is awaited.
- Easements: Four Easements have been received up to now.
- Other Parish Matters:
 1. The trough at the spout keeps blocking with weeds and algae. Some alterations to the outlet may be needed.

2. A car appears to be abandoned on Higham Hall Rd. It will be checked for tax disc and licence plates.
3. There have been instances of vehicles being parked on the playing fields. A letter will be sent by the clerk to all residents of Sabden Rd who pay easements to remind them that the easement does not include the right to park on council land.
4. A resident on Pendle View has complained that cars are being parked overnight on the back street. This is causing difficulty for other residents and poses a risk if fire engines or ambulances cannot access properties. A polite notice will be delivered to all houses on Pendle View and Hambledon Terrace asking that cars be removed to the car park after loading or unloading.

3362: Parish Lengthsman Scheme

The Lengthsman will be asked to treat the timber to the new bus shelter.

3363: Items for Future Discussion

No items for future discussion were identified at the meeting.

3364: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 15th May 2012 at 7.30 pm, preceded by the AGM at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm.