

## **Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting 18th August 2009**

**Present:** Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. L. Townsend, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Boro' Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Co. Cllr. S Derwent, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllr. Mr. D. Ellis, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd,

**Members of public in attendance:** None.

#### **2714: Public Questions**

- There were no Public Questions.

#### **2715: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct**

- No interests were declared.

#### **2716: Minutes of the last meeting**

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

#### **2717: Matters arising (for information only)**

- Cllr. Tetley queried the decision made at the last meeting with regard to the tree in the centre of the village. After further discussion it was decided that the decision to trim the branches would stand.
- Boro' Cllr Starkie asked about the Fir Trees Lane road sign (see 2704)
- Co. Cllr. Derwent will follow this up.
- The A4 bus timetables needed for the village centre bus shelter (see 2704) have still not been delivered. Co. Cllr. Derwent will follow this up.
- Co. Cllr. Derwent has enquired about the painting of the bus shelter at Fir Trees Lane and reported that this would be done in due course.
- New grit bins have been ordered (see 2707).
- The Higham Hall road sign referred to in 2710 will not be replaced. The empty board should be removed.

#### **2718: Finance**

- Cllr. Ingham read out a list of the cheques to be authorised as listed on the agenda and these were signed. Cllr. Ingham suggested that new tenders be asked for after the cutting season is over.
- Cllr. Watson submitted a further easement. One more needs to be collected.

**2719: Planning Applications and Decisions**

- No new plans have been submitted this month. As yet there is no report from the Planning Inspectorate with regard to the structure outside the “Four Alls”.

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**2720: Clerk’s Report**

- The clerk’s report was sent as an attachment before the meeting. A list of notices received after this was sent out was distributed at the meeting.

**2721: County Councillor’s Report**

- Co. Cllr. Derwent reported that the plans for rebuilding the schools at Lomeshaye and Laneshaw Bridge have been passed.
- It was agreed at the Access meeting to close the public footpath on Acresbrook Rd.
- There have been attempts to resolve the access problems through the barn at Stump Hall.

**2722 Borough Councillor’s Report**

- Boro’ Cllr. Starkie explained some changes in the levels of Parish Council Funding.
- The brown bins outlined in 2708 will be delivered soon.
- A resident has expressed concerns about the proposed footway by the Four Alls Inn.
- Boro’ Cllr. Starkie enquired about the parking difficulties at Halmote (see 2710). Cllr. Ingham reported that it had been agreed that the vehicles belonging to the workmen would be parked elsewhere.

**2723: Committee/ Working Group Reports**

- There was nothing to report that concerned the parish.

**2724: Clover Croft Development**

- Cllr. Ingham reported that he had received an email from the Parish Council’s Solicitor reporting contact from a Solicitor employed by the Developers. Following this contact had been made with the Developer who was hopeful that work would resume at the site within the coming month.

**2725: The Water Spout**

- Cllr. Ingham shared the correspondence received from the Public Health Manager (Environmental Health Services) at Pendle Borough Council expressing concern over the wording on the plaque which may mislead the public as to the purity of the water. Cllr. Ingham proposed a reworded plaque to replace the existing one. Cllr. Townsend seconded this and all agreed.

**2726: Parish Matters**

- Laneside Road sign – completed.
- Guide Lane/A6068 junction – needs tidying.
- Lighting on Hollinghurst View – Co. Cllr. Derwent has spoken to Pendle Housing. Investigations are proceeding.
- Higham to Fence footpath – grass still encroaching.
- Sabden Road Car Park – a meeting of Councillors to inspect the car park and the road accessing it will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Cllr. Ingham proposed using some of the money promised by Clover Croft developers to improve the access. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**2727: Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

- All items still ongoing. Cllr. Townsend to contact the Lengthsman about these.
- The steps on the footpath between Brooks Hall Farm and the by-pass are overgrown. Cllr. Townsend to contact the Lengthsman about these.

**2728: Correspondence**

- Cllr. Ingham shared a letter entitled “Have Your Say on New Planning Rules” A response is required by 14<sup>th</sup> December. This was passed to Cllr. Starkie.

**2729: Items for Future Discussion**

- The spring water supply (Spout).
- Clover Croft Development.
- Sabden Road car park and access.

**2730: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.47 pm