



## Minutes of Meeting 16th August 2011

**Present:** Cllr. Mr. B Ingham; Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax; Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest;  
Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson; Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe, Boro' Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd; Cllr. Mr. D. Johnston, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley,  
Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent.

**Members of public in attendance:** Three

### **3207: Police Report and Public Questions**

- PCSO Owen reported eleven calls to the police over the past month, including one burglary, one domestic incident, five motor offences, the remainder being enquiries.
- A member of the public requested information about the footpath repairs to Acresbrook Road. It was requested that similar repairs be carried out on Moore Drive.
- More signs re dog fouling in the Kiln Hill area were requested. The council will request an extra two bins. Cllr. Metcalfe will investigate the best sites for these.

### **3208: Formation of Football Teams**

Phil Ashton gave a presentation on his proposal to start football teams in Higham. Funding is available and the new proprietors at the Four Alls would be happy to be involved. Volunteers would be needed and representatives should see if the plan is viable. Problems with parking and the condition of the field need to be taken into consideration.

### **3209: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct**

Cllr. Forrest declared an interest in Fence House and Willow Gate, and left the room during the discussions.

### **3210: Minutes of the last meeting**

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

### **3211: Matters arising (for information only).**

£2,500 has been given as a grant towards the new bus shelter. The old shelter will have to be returned to County. The Parish Council will be expected to fund the new Boundary Signs

**3212: Finance**

- Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.
- Cllr. Ingham read out the comment and recommendation from the Audit Report with reference to the Asset Register. Cllr. Ingham proposed accepting the report and agreeing with the recommendation with regards to the Asset Register. Cllr. Forrest seconded this and all agreed.

**3213: Clover Croft Development**

- Work continues to make progress.
- The builders are to be asked if they are able to move the fence back during the Scarecrow Festival.
- Cllr. Metcalfe asked why the footpath through the site has been blocked off. It was explained that the footpath is diverted round the site. It isn't be able to be used through the site for Health and Safety reasons

**3214: Planning Applications and Decisions**

- Willow Gate: No objections.
- Fence House: No objections, although concern was raised regarding mature trees having to be removed.

**3215: Clerk's Report**

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

**3216: County Councillor's Report**

There was no Co. Councillor's report

**3217: Borough Councillor's Report**

Boro' Cllr. Starkie reported that there was to be a 6 week consultation on the closure of Colne tip, but added that the new tip in Burnley is excellent.

**3218: Committee/ Working Group Reports**

Barrowford and Western Parishes: Nothing affecting Higham.

**3219: Haddings Lane Property**

A 106 order has been sent to the owner. The area is slightly tidier. The owner has agreed to improve the area with fencing and a new gate. Cllr. Ingham will inspect the property before the next meeting.

**3220: Sabden Rd Car Park**

Further work has not yet begun.

**3221: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection**

- Some fence palings are loose, these will be fixed as soon as possible.
- ROSPA will do their annual check this month.

**3222: Parish Matters**

- 34 Sabden Rd: The resident has not complied with the request to remove fencing on Council Property and to repair the paving stones. A further letter will be sent.
- Dog fouling: (see 3207)
- 'The Spout' newspaper. The recent edition has been distributed.
- Boundary Signs: These are with Cllr Forrest and will be erected soon
- The SPID: The SPID is in Fence
- Garage on the Playing Fields: The site could be used for the Pagoda on Bonfire Night when the garage has been demolished.
- The garage on Sabden Road: Graffiti is still visible. There was a suggestion that it could be clad with timber. Cllr. Metcalfe will look further into painting it.
- Over 60's Christmas Party: The Village Hall, meal and entertainment have been booked.

**3223: Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

- The footpath from Gawthorpe View to the By-Pass needs the nettles cutting back.
- A bank of ferns adjacent to the allotment at Fir Trees Lane needs attention.
- Croft Lane and the footpath to Sabden Road need strimming.

**3224: Correspondence**

No additional correspondence

**3225: Items for Future Discussion****3226: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.