



Minutes of Meeting 21st December 2010

Present: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Boro' Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, PC. Mark Dibb, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent.

Members of public in attendance: Seven

3041: Police Report and Public Questions

- PC Dibb had no local crimes to report. PCSOs will remain at the present level for at least the next two years.
- A member of the public asked about the situation regarding the tender for grass cutting.

3042: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

No interests were declared.

3043: Minutes of the last meeting

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

3044: Matters arising (for information only).

There were no matters arising.

3045: Finance

Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.

3046: Clover Croft Development

Plot B is progressing despite the bad weather.

3047: The Spout

A new sign has been made for the spout and will be installed soon.

3048: Four Alls Inn

The Four Alls has reopened with a temporary manager.

3049: Planning Applications and Decisions

12 Sabden Rd: Plans for a larger garage to replace the existing one were discussed. Cllr Ingham proposed that there would be no objections by the Parish Council. Cllr. Lomax seconded this and all agreed

3050: Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

3051: County Councillor's Report

There was no County Councillor's report.

3052: Borough Councillor's Report

- Winter Gritting: The Council has been more prepared for the bad weather this year. Cllr. Forrest pointed out that cars parked along the roadsides can cause a problem for the gritters.
- The cut in the grant from Pendle Borough Council is less severe than had been anticipated. Higham is set to lose around 9% (£285).

3053: Committee/ Working Group Reports

Nothing affecting Higham was discussed in the last Barrowford & Western Parishes meeting.

3054: Sabden Rd Car Park

Cllr. Tetley reported that the contractors have inspected the site. The quote has been re-adjusted. Cllr. Ingham proposed accepting but required the quote be in writing. Cllr. Lomax seconded and all agreed.

3055: Land between 106 Higham Hall Road and the Village Hall

The lease costs were discussed. The clerk will email Liberata to accept.

3056: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection

- The rocking structure is unable to be repaired. Cllr. Tetley proposed removing it and this was seconded by Cllr. Forrest. All agreed. The Lengthsman will be asked to remove it and fill in the gap.
- Money from the Clover Croft Development S106 agreement, which has to be spent on recreational facilities on the playing fields will be due in the near future. Discussions with regard to new playground equipment and any other facilities should involve the whole village. It was suggested that an item be included in "The Spout" inviting suggestions.

3057: Parish Matters

- The next edition of "The Spout" is due shortly. There was a discussion of the recent village events which could be included.
- The SPID is now ready to pass on to Fence.
- The Over-60s Christmas Party. This was very successful. Costs were similar to last year despite a higher attendance.
- Boundary Signs. The need for extra boundary signs was again discussed. Cllr. Forrest suggested that the purchase of any new signs, if agreed, should be staggered. A vote, to decide whether these signs are necessary, will be held when a full quota of councillors attend the meeting.

- Dog fouling. This has recently increased to an unacceptable level. Cllr. Forrest suggested inserting a strongly worded flyer into the next edition of "The Spout". Boro' Cllr Starkie will contact the Enforcement Officer. It is hoped that random checks on loose dogs can be arranged.
- Cllrs. Ingham and Forrest explained the situation regarding tenders for contracts in response to the question from a member of the public (see 3041).

3058: Parish Lengthsman Scheme

- The Lengthsman will be asked to scrap the rocking structure in the playground and insert a tile in the space left.
- Replace a stone which has become separated from the wall in Higham Hall Road.

3059: Correspondence

A letter requesting the Parish Precept has been received. A response will be made after the Finance Meeting on the 11th January and the next Parish Council meeting on 18th January.

3060: Items for Future Discussion

- Positioning of the new bench on the playground.

3061: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 18th December at 2010 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.59 pm.