

Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting 16th February 2010

Present: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, PC. M. Dibb, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd Cllr. Mr. D. Ellis, Boro' Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent.

Members of public in attendance: None

2825: Police Report and Public Questions

- PC. Dibb reported the theft of a van from the building site and the theft of two cars from the Higham area. He informed the council that car thefts were highly organised. Extra police resources were being put in around Pendle to try to prevent car thefts.
- There has been a high level of poaching by professional criminals targeting farms and fisheries. A rural watch is being set up and there will be a police presence in villages and schools offering crime prevention advice.

2826: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

No interests were declared

2827: 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.

2828: Matters arising (for information only).

- There was no comment on the matters arising from the last meeting.

2829: Clover Croft Development

- Six properties have now been sold and three more should be sold soon.

2830: Planning Applications and Decisions

- 28 West Close Avenue. An amended plan has been submitted. There were no objections to the new plan.

2831: Finance

- Cllr Ingham itemised the cheques to be sent and these were signed.
- A cheque for £40 has been received from United Utilities and Old Laund Booth submitted a cheque for £362.50 as their share of the repairs to the SPiD.

2832: Clerk's Report

- The clerk's report was sent as an attachment before the meeting.
- Cllr Forrest suggested raising an interest in the Morecambe Bay Walk.

2833: County Councillor's Report

There was no County Councillor's Report

2834: Borough Councillor's Report

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2835: Committee/ Working Group Reports

- Barrowford and Western Parishes. Enforcement Orders have been served on a the Rising Fishery and 6 Anderton Rd.

2836: Sabden Rd Car Park

- It is hoped that this will be carried out during March.

2837 Boundary Signs:

- The present positions of the signs for Higham have been inspected by members of the Parish Council. It was observed that it would be difficult to re-position one of the signs on the By-Pass at the Fence side of the village, as there is insufficient width on the grass verge. The sign on Sabden Rd should be moved nearer to the junction at the top of the hill. The Lengthsman will be contacted to re-position this.

2838: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection

There was no playground report at this meeting

2839 Land between 106 Higham Hall Road and the Village Hall

- No more information has been received

2840:

- Lighting on Hollinghurst View: This still needs to be resolved
- Footpath from Higham to Fence: No further progress.
- The railings around the Methodist graveyard will be painted early next year.
- The Fir Trees bus shelter may not be painted until next year.
- The trees in the village centre and Churchyard. Cllr Forrest has obtained a further quote which is lower than the original – work to be done as soon as possible.
- The SPID: The SPID is now repaired and working well. The rotation will be Higham/Fence/Roughlee
- Reforestation: There was no further discussion
- The Village Notice board. No further progress
- Kiln Hill Development: There has been no further progress in removing the structure since the last meeting

- Wind Turbines: Cllr Ingham read out a copy of the letter sent by the clerk of Old Laund Booth to the Environmental Resources Management suggesting a meeting between them and the three parishes of Old Laund Booth, Higham with west Close Booth and Reedley Hallows. The clerk reported on a telephone call from the clerk of Reedley Hallows on the subject and will contact the clerk of Old Laund Booth with reference to a date mentioned in the conversation.

2841: Parish Lengthsman Scheme

- The planter on the by-pass: Ongoing.
- Croft Lane: Ongoing
- The weeds near the Speed Camera also need removing.

2842:Correspondence

- Three letters pertaining to the Clover Croft Development were received from a member of the public and discussed. A reply is to be sent with details of the costs involved in supplying the information requested.

2843: Items for Future Discussion

- The proposed wind turbines.

2824: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 16th March 2010 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.