



## Minutes of Meeting 15th<sup>th</sup> February 2011

**Present:** Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe, Cllr. Mr. D. Johnston, Boro' Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent, PCSO. James Owen, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

**Apologies:** None

**Members of public in attendance:** Two

At the start of the meeting the Chairman welcomed the two new members of the Parish Council

### **3084: Police Report and Public Questions**

- The car previously reported abandoned off Higham Hall Rd has now been reported stolen.
- The warning sign on the water spout has been removed by a person or persons unknown. PCSO Owen suggested that this should be reported as a crime. Cllr. Tetley suggested that an anti-vandal substance should be added to its replacement and that its removal should be reported in the local paper.
- A member of the public asked about the proximity of the building work on the Clover Croft site to the footpath on Higham Hall Rd. Cllr. Ingham assured him that the width of the footpath would not be reduced as a result.
- Mud on Higham Hall Road outside the site was reported. Cllr. Ingham will discuss this with the contractors.
- Potholes on Higham Hall Rd, Sabden Rd and Acresbrook Rd were reported. Co. Cllr. Derwent will pass this to Highways.
- A member of the public reported the excessive amount of water on the lower part of the playing fields. This will be investigated.
- Another member of the public enquired about tenders for the grass cutting. No tenders have been requested as yet, though these will be required soon.
- A request was made by a member of the public for a donation towards summer plants for the rockery. Cllr. Ingham pointed out that such a request needed to be discussed and voted on, and would therefore need to be an item on the next agenda.

### **3085: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct**

No interests were declared.

### **3086: Minutes of the last meeting**

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

**3087: Matters arising (for information only).**

There were no matters arising.

**3088: Finance**

- Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.
- The Bank Mandate was agreed and Cllr Lomax will now be able to counter sign the cheques.

**3089: Clover Croft Development**

- Plot B is progressing.
- S106 money. Boro' Cllr Starkie has made enquiries about the timing of the payments. The developers have agreed to pay Pendle Borough Council £1000 for each property when it is occupied, but the full payment will not be paid until the development is complete.

**3090: The Spout**

- The official sign on the water spout has been stolen (see 3084)
- The trough is leaking.

**3091: Four Alls Inn**

The Four Alls continues to be successful.

**3092: Planning Applications and Decisions**

- There are no new planning applications

**3093: Clerk's Report**

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

**3094: County Councillor's Report**

- The County Budget is still under consideration but will be decided within the next few days.
- Co. Councillor Derwent was made aware of potholes in the village and will pass to the relevant department.
- Cllrs. Ingham and Gadd have contacted Highways regarding the water flowing down Back Lane.

**3095: Borough Councillor's Report**

- Boro' Cllr. Starkie informed the council that Pendle is to receive extra money because of an error in the calculation. As a result, council cutbacks will not be as deep as was first feared.
- Boro' Cllr Starkie has organised a visit of the Dog Warden (see 3100).

**3096: Committee/ Working Group Reports**

- Cllr. Lomax has agreed to attend the next meeting of LALC.

**3097: Sabden Rd Car Park**

- Work is due to begin at the end of the first week in March.

**3098: Land between 106 Higham Hall Road and the Village Hall**

- Copies of the final lease were signed and witnessed and will be returned to Liberata. The item will be removed from the next agenda.

**3099: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection**

- Cllr. Gadd reported on the condition of the playground. There are no problems.

**3100: Parish Matters**

- “The Spout” newspaper has been delivered. It is now well established and improving. A request for news for the next edition was made.
- The SPID is still in Fence. Discussions on the Speed Limit in the village will appear on the next agenda.
- Dog fouling: The Dog Warden’s visit failed to discover much evidence. It was suggested that new signs were placed on several entrances. Cllr. Forrest suggested that random visits be made by the Dog Warden. Boro’ Cllr. Starkie showed an interest in seeing how effective this would be.
- Water from the leak seems to have been stopped or diverted by the insertion of a land drain. An investigation into water on the lower end of the playing field will be held, but the item will be removed from the next agenda.
- Grass cutting: Tenders will be requested before the next meeting.
- Boundary Signs: A vote for extra Boundary Signs was held. There were four in favour, three abstentions and one against. Cllr. Forrest suggested that the new signs be installed over three years in order to spread the cost. There was a brief discussion on the size and style of the new signs.

**3101: Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

- The hedges on Blind Lane have been trimmed.
- The kerbs need cleaning in various place in the village.
- Leaves need clearing from the lower end of Higham Hall Road.

**3102: Correspondence**

- There was no further correspondence.

**3082: Items for Future Discussion**

- Positioning of the new bench on the playground.
- The gate on Croft Lane.
- Reduction of the speed limit in the village.
- The grass cutting tender.

**3083: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.27 pm.