



## **Minutes of Meeting 21st February 2012**

**Present:** Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, PCSO. Ivan Hartley Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax

**Members of public in attendance:** Two

### **3316: Police Report and Public Questions**

- PCSO. Hartley reported 14 calls to the Police over the last month including a burglary, domestic incidents and a harassment.
- Mrs. Emma Thompson, resident, asked about measures taken to reduce dog fouling. Cllr. Ingham responded that dog bins and notices were in place and that offending owners should be reported anonymously through the Pendle website. Cllr. Gadd suggested that the phone number to report offenders be placed in the next edition of the "Spout"
- Mrs. Thompson also complained about the danger to schoolchildren caused by parents parking and reversing inconsiderately at the end of the school day. She was advised to bring up the subject at the next PTA meeting for them to consider a solution.
- Mrs. Thompson asked about estimated completion time for Clover Croft development. Cllr. Ingham explained the system to which the builder needed to adhere.
- Mrs. Thompson asked if the Parish Plan was to be updated through a Village Forum. Cllr. Ingham explained that the Parish Plan was not intended to be regularly updated but that an Annual Parish Meeting was held at which residents could have their questions answered. The date of the meeting would be printed in the "Spout".

### **3317: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct**

No interests were declared

### **3318: Minutes of the last meeting**

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

### **3319: Matters arising (for information only).**

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

**3320: Finance**

- Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.
- Cllr. Ingham suggested that another Finance meeting should be held to determine where monies received from Clover Croft and a maturing Bond should be invested. This was set for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February.

**3321: Clover Croft Development**

Emails have been exchanged between Cllr. Ingham and the solicitors acting for both the Parish Council and the Developers. A request had been received for the transfer of the ownership of the land containing the right of way to the Parish Council, but later this request was withdrawn.

**3322: Planning Applications and Decisions**

104 Higham Hall Rd. Retrospective permission requested has been granted.

**3323: Clerk's Report and Correspondence**

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

**3324: County Councillor's Report**

There was no Co. Councillor's report.

**3325: Borough Councillor's Report**

- The fly tipping on Back Lane was removed very quickly when reported.
- A Council Budget meeting will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.
- Another printing firm has been employed for the production of the "Spout" after the previous one went into liquidation.

**3326: Committee/ Working Group Reports**

Cllrs. Ingham and Tetley attended a meeting about the Lengthsman scheme. It is hopeful that this scheme will continue in its present form.

**3327: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection**

- Cllr. Gadd reported missing fence sections. Cllr. Forrest has replacements ready.
- The benches on the playground have been fixed into position.

**3328: Parish Matters**

- Land rear of 34 Sabden Rd. An agreement has been reached between the resident and the Parish Council. A new fence will be erected by the Lengthsman giving the Parish Council access to the header tank and the resident will retain the remainder of the land. A gate to the playing field will be installed and the resident will pay the easement due for this facility. There will be no additional costs to the Parish Council except for materials.
- Dog fouling: There have been further complaints (see 3316)
- The SPID has been / is being sent for repair by Old Laund Booth Parish Council.
- Bushes at the rear of the demolished garage. The weather is unsuitable for work to be done. This item will be removed from the agenda until May

- Fir Trees bus shelter: This is almost completed.
- Village Hall Donation: The estimate for the work is very high. There are no plans to contribute until further discussions have been held.
- Other Parish Matters:
  - a) The tree in the Village Centre: Chris Binney has provided a list of suitable trees and contractors to carry out work needed to remove the stump of the existing tree. This was passed to Cllr. Tetley to get estimates
  - b) Best Kept Village Competition: Mr Brian Sutcliffe has agreed to co-ordinate the event. A cheque for £15 should be sent to the organisers.
- Boro. Cllr. Starkie asked the reason for the two new columns on the by-pass.
- Cllr. Forrest asked about the broken bollard outside the Four Alls. The licensee is dealing with this.
- Boro. Cllr. Starkie requested that items for the "Spout" be submitted as soon as possible.

**3329: Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

All requests from the last Parish Council have been completed.

**3330: Items for Future Discussion**

The "Spout".

**3331: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.