

Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting 16th June 2009

Present: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. D Forrest, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. L. Townsend, Cllr. Mr. R Gadd, Cllr. Mr. D. Ellis, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Boro' Cllr. Mr. J.K. Starkie, Co. Cllr. Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk)

Apologies: None

Members of public in attendance: None

2683: Public Questions

- There were no Public Questions

2684: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

- No interests were declared

2685: Minutes of the last meeting

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

2686: Matters arising

- Boro' Cllr Starkie suggested that the four items in 2676 should be retained for further discussion
- The Laneside road sign has now been completed. Cllr Forrest pointed out an error in 2676. The Street Lighting Engineer will be liaising with Cllr Starkie, not Cllr Forrest on the matter of lighting on Hollinghurst View. This has now been amended in the minute book

2687: Finance

- Cllr. Ingham read out a list of the cheques to be authorised as listed on the agenda and these were signed. Cllr Gadd also claimed expenses of £81.50 for items purchased for the Annual Village Meeting of 5th June

2688: Planning Applications and Decisions

- 104 Higham Hall Rd. The plans have been approved subject to conditions. These are that the garage be constructed of natural stone, the roof is to be of natural slate, and the doors and windows of timber

2689: Ongoing Projects

- The base for the new bus shelter should be erected soon
- A letter of thanks is to be sent to Mr Barlow for organising the cleaning and tidying up

- New plants have been put into the planters on the eastern side of the bypass
- Hanging baskets have been placed on the bus shelter in the village.

2690: Clerk's Report

- The clerk's report was submitted as an attachment before the meeting. Cllr Forrest asked for details of the display cases, and Cllr Ingham gave details of the bridleway plans

2691: County Councillor's Report

There was no County Councillors report

2692 Borough Councillor's Report

- Boro' Cllr Starkie gave the figures on the parish expenditure requests. The parish has been awarded the full amount requested this year.
- Cllr Starkie also gave details of the new ACE Centre facilities
- Cllr Gadd asked who to approach to hire facilities in the new centre and Boro' Cllr Starkie explained that it was run by Pendle Leisure Services

2693: Committee/ Working Group Reports

- Barrowford and Western Parishes. Cllr Ingham and Boro' Cllr Starkie reported that the sum of £4000 pounds had been awarded to the Parish Council in order to repair the car park on Sabden Rd. This was the full amount requested (see 2692) Quotes will be needed for the work. Cllr Ingham proposed that a meeting would be needed to decide on the way forward and thanked Boro' Cllr Starkie for his invaluable help in getting the grant
- Boro Cllr Starkie told the meeting that more dog bins had been offered. It was felt that there were probably enough bins at the moment.
- Cllr Tetley asked if the notices about dog fouling had been effective and the general opinion was that they had been.
- The PACT meeting. Cllr Ingham had attended the meeting in Fence. The next meeting will be in Higham.

2694: Parish Matters

- Higham Hall Rd. The narrowness of the road around the Four Alls Inn creates problems for traffic and pedestrians. Boro' Cllr Starkie has asked the County Council to put it on a list. The Parish Council is agreed that plans need to be discussed as to the best way to resolve the difficulty. The subject is ongoing
- The first Parish meeting, held on the 5th June was successful. Boro' Cllr Starkie asked the Chairman to write a report for the next edition of "The Spout". The next Parish meeting will be held after the 2010 AGM.
- The "Best Kept Village" Competition. The Council is not aware if the judging has taken place. A letter needs to be sent by the Clerk to a

parishioner about the condition of his garage, with an offer to help repair damage recently done if necessary.

- The Fete. The Fete is to be held on the 4th July. Notices advertising the event are in the process of being erected

Cllr Gadd left the meeting at 8.20

2695: Parish Lengthsman Scheme – update and forward planning

- Cllr Townsend attended the Annual meeting. It was recommended that the playground be inspected by one of the councillors once a month. Cllr Townsend proposed that he or Cllr Gadd be responsible for this. Boro' Cllr Starkie offered to forward a checklist from one of the parishes already involved in this scheme. Cllr Ellis pointed out that some of the points made in last year's Annual Inspection still needed to be addressed. This will form part of next month's agenda
- Cllr Forrest said that the parish had received 262 hours of work from the Lengthsman in the last twelve months. 130 of these had been spent on public rights of way and the remainder in Higham itself
- Cllr Forrest asked for a letter to be sent to Joe Turton supporting the Parish Lengthsman scheme. The Clerk will undertake to do this
- Funding may be available from the Pendle Hill Fund and/or the Green Partnership awards. Information will be obtained by the Clerk in addition to any application forms needed to apply for funding.
- The tree in the centre of the village. Permission to remove the tree has already been obtained but a photograph of it needs to go into the next edition of "The Spout" before any action is taken.
- Cllr Tetley enquired about the stile on Sagar Hill which is in poor condition, and Cllr Lomax asked if stones could be placed by the stile. Cllr Townsend will speak to the Lengthsman about this.
- The hedge bordering the by-pass at the lower entrance to Higham Hall Rd and the hedges on Fir Trees Lane need trimming.
- The Planter near this entrance needs to be removed. Cllr Forrest suggested a meeting to decide what to do and how to re-use the stone.

2696: Correspondence

- Cllr Ingham shared a report from the LCC – Highways regarding improvement to the safety of A6068 between Padiham and Higham

2697: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 21st July at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm