



Minutes of Meeting 21st June 2011

Present: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe, Cllr. Mr. D. Johnston, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent, Boro' Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Ms. Helen Wilkinson (Principal Localities, Community and Policy Officer), Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

Apologies: None

Members of public in attendance: None

3169: Police Report and Public Questions

No Police report or Public Questions.
Helen Wilkinson from Pendle Borough Council gave a brief résumé of her work as Principal Localities, Community and Policy Officer.

3170: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

No interests were declared.

3171: 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.

3172: Matters arising (for information only).

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3173: Finance

Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.

3174: Clover Croft Development

Work is still progressing at a satisfactory rate. There was some discussion about the appearance of the houses under present construction.

3175: Planning Applications and Decisions

There are no new planning applications.

3176: Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

3177: County Councillor's Report

- Co. Councillor Derwent attended the Public Access meeting. Repairs have been carried out at Stump Hall Rd and West Close Clough. Footpath 54 is still ongoing.
- The Enterprise Zone will be sited nearer to the Preston area
- Jan Steyn has begun work for the local MP and Co. Cllr. Derwent reminded the council to use the MP when needed or to access him through herself or Boro' Cllr. Starkie.
- Co. Cllr. Derwent recommended recording and sharing knowledge and activities with neighbouring villages.

3178: Borough Councillor's Report

- Boro' Cllr Starkie focussed on the effects of Council cuts and gave the example of the reduction of frequency of luncheon clubs in some areas. He suggested that the council begin to consider how to manage without council grants.
- Reviews are being held of Cleaning and of Community Halls.

3179: Committee/ Working Group Reports

At the last meeting of Barrowford and Western Parishes there was a reminder to approve requests for a grant at June Council Meetings. Suggestions put forward included :

Improvements to the shed on the playing fields
An Oak bus shelter for the Fir Trees end of the Village
More benches around the Village.

After discussion, Cllr. Ingham proposed that a grant of £3000 be requested to erect the bus shelter and purchase two more boundary signs. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gadd and approved by all.

3180: Haddings Lane Property

Boro' Cllr. Starkie has met with the Enforcement Officer and the owner of the Property. A date has been set for the owner to comply with requests or legal action will be started.

3181: Sabden Rd Car Park

Further improvements to the Car Park will be added later in the summer.

3182: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection

- Cllr Gadd reported that the matting surface of the playground is in a poor state. A discussion about methods of repair followed and it was proposed by Cllr. Tetley that a good quality repair be attempted rather than replacing the surface at the present time. This was seconded by Cllr Ingham and approved by all.
- An official inspection by ROSPA has been booked for August.

3183: Parish Matters

- Dog fouling: the situation is still improved and there have been no further complaints.
- 'The Spout' newspaper. Items for the next edition need to be received by the end of the month.

- Boundary Signs: Boro' Cllr. Starkie produced a design for the new signs.
- Bench on the Playground: The base is now in place and the bench should be installed within the next few days.
- The SPiD: Cllr. Forrest has been in contact about new backplates and a visit will be made to look at further locations for the SPiD.
- Garage on the Playing Fields. The clerk will speak to Mr. Birkett about removal of the contents by 30th June so that the garage can be demolished.
- The garage on Sabden Road: There has been no response from the owner with regard to the offer to clean off the graffiti. Cllr. Metcalfe has offered to speak to him about this.

3184: Parish Lengthsman Scheme

- Several areas have been tidied up.
- The fingerpost needs cleaning.

3185: Correspondence

- A request for all new councillors to fill in Personal Interest forms has been made by the Borough Council. These were filled in and copies will be sent to the Director of Services.
- Cllr. Ingham responded to a request from Andrew Stephenson MP re broadband speeds and read out his reply.

3186: Items for Future Discussion

No items for discussion were identified at the meeting.

3187: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 19th July 2011 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm.