



Minutes of Meeting 19th June 2012

Present: Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. D. Johnston, Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, PCSO. J. Owen, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham.

Members of public in attendance: Two.

3385: Police Report and Public Questions

PCSO. Owen reported the following crimes in the village: Ebay fraud, Tools stolen from a van, scratched vehicle, badger setts disturbed.

3386: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

No interests were declared.

3387: Minutes of the last meeting

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

3388: Matters arising (for information only).

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

3389: Finance

- The cheques were itemised and signed.
- Cllr. Metcalfe requested the purchase of a printer to be used on Council business. This will be placed on the next agenda.

3390: Clover Croft Development

Building work continues. There have been no new residents on the development since the last meeting.

3391: Haddings Lane

- Tipping: Boro. Cllr. Starkie reported that a tipping licence had been obtained.
- Fencing: An Enforcement Order has ensured that the fencing has been removed.
- Residents Disagreements: The Court Case has begun.

3392: Planning Applications and Decisions

- 11 Laneside Avenue: No objections.
- Roaming Roosters (field off A6068): No decision was reached.

3393: Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

3394: County Councillor's Report

- The potholes on roads in the village are in the process of being filled in.
- A new Chief Fire Officer has been appointed (Mr C Kenny) and the retiring CFO, Mr Richardson, was awarded the MBE.
- Co. Cllr. Derwent is working with small schools.
- Co. Cllr. Derwent reported that the cost of producing paper bus timetables will now be borne by the bus companies.

3395: Borough Councillor's Report

- Boro. Cllr. Starkie informed the meeting that his area of responsibility has now been transferred to Communications.

3396: Committee/ Working Group Reports

- Safe Lanes: Councils will be asked for donations towards car stickers.
- Schools: Boro. Cllr. Starkie asked if adult road monitors for schools would be useful.

3397: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection

- There was no report on the playground this month.
- Cllr. Metcalfe said that the Events Committee have discussed the possibility of raising money in order to contribute towards a proper fence for the playground. However, no decision has yet been made.
- The sheds on the playing fields have been examined.
- The clerk will contact RoSPA re the annual Playground Inspection.

3398: Parish Matters

- Dog fouling: A dog has been photographed fouling and the owner reported.
- Pub car park wall: Repairs have not yet been carried out. The clerk will write again to the owners asking for immediate action.
- Spout News: The next edition will be ready in July.
- The SPID is not working. It needs to be returned to Higham.
- Fir Trees bus shelter: The shelter has now been erected. Cllr. Metcalfe proposed that a notice board be added. This was seconded by Cllr. Lomax and agreed.
- Village Hall Wall: Cllr. Ingham has completed a form requesting a grant towards the cost. As the state of the wall is now critical it was proposed by Cllr. Lomax that work should begin on rebuilding as soon as possible. This was seconded by Cllr. Watson and agreed by all. Warning notices will be posted near the wall.

- Easements: Reminders re the outstanding Easements will be delivered to three residents.
- Potholes: See 3394
- Bunting: Cllr Metcalfe proposed a contribution of £34 towards the Jubilee Bunting. This was seconded by Cllr. Forrest and agreed.
- Other Parish Matters: Cllr. Metcalfe complained about the speed of traffic through the village. Co. Cllr. Derwent will follow up this complaint.

3399: Parish Lengthsman Scheme

- Cllr. Tetley explained the differences in the Lengthsman scheme. No difference will be noticed in Higham.
- Stones need replacing in a wall on Higham Hall Rd.
- The sign at the entrance to the village needs straightening.
- Flowers have been planted in the centre of the village where the tree was.

3400: Items for Future Discussion

No extra items have been identified.

3401: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 17th July 2012 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.