



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

**Present:** Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe, Cllr. Mr. D. Johnston, Boro' Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent,

**Members of public in attendance:** One

### **3105: Police Report and Public Questions**

There was no Police Report or Public Questions.

### **3106: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct**

No interests were declared.

### **3107: 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.

### **3108: Matters arising (for information only).**

- An article has been published in the Local Newspaper about the theft of the sign from the Water Spout (see 3090 February minutes).
- The pot holes mentioned in 3094 have now been filled in.

### **3109: Finance**

- Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.
- The Chairman explained the government instruction that PAYE will be deducted at source from the Clerk's salary. This will involve the Council in considerably more work.

### **3110: Application for Donation towards Rockery Plants**

- Cllr. Ingham proposed that the request be refused. After discussion this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Lomax and agreed by all. The clerk will write to Mr Birkett.

### **3111: Grass Cutting**

- Tenders for Grass Cutting have been requested and received. Cllr. Forrest and Ingham have ensured that firms tendering for the contract were fully aware of the brief by provision of a diagram and by itemising requirements. Cllr. Ingham proposed that the contract be awarded to Grovefern Estates Ltd for the coming year. Cllr. Lomax seconded the proposal and all were in favour.

**3112: Planning Applications and Decisions**

There are no new planning applications.

**3113: Clerk's Report**

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

**3114: County Councillor's Report**

There was no County Councillor's Report.

**3115: Borough Councillor's Report**

- Boro' Cllr. Starkie reported that there were few redundancies at Pendle Council as many have taken a job share or early retirement option.
- Brown Bins: Boro' Cllr Starkie explained that money could be saved if the recycling bins were only put out for collection when they were more than half full.
- A twinning weekend has been held.
- Local elections will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**3116: Committee/ Working Group Reports**

- There are no reports from Committee or Working Groups

**3117: Sabden Rd Car Park**

- Work is now completed on the road up to the Car Park. The car park proper will be completed in the summer.

**3118: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection**

- Cllr. Gadd has inspected the playground. A board is being repaired from part of the equipment.

**3119: Parish Matters**

- Dog fouling: There has been no improvement. Boro' Cllr. Starkie suggested that the problem would persist unless culprits were caught and fined. An employment scheme to keep the area clean could be adopted.
- Boundary Signs: The decision was made in principle to increase the number of boundary signs. There was a discussion about the siting of the first sign and further discussions are planned.
- Gate on Croft Lane: This will be closed from midnight on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April to midnight on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April to comply with the law. A letter will be sent to residents affected by the closure.
- Speed Limits: A consultation should be held with residents to establish their views on reducing the speed limit in the village. An article in the next edition of "The Spout" can be used for this purpose, as can the next Parish Meeting. Boro' Cllr. Starkie reminded the council that Co. Cllr. Derwent should be consulted, and Cllr. Metcalfe asked if speed limiting systems could be installed, and requested that this be a separate item on the next agenda.
- Bench on the Playground: A spare bench is available and can be installed at the top of the playing fields near the garages.

**3120: Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

The Chairman has responded to a request about use of the Lengthsman scheme and indicated that it should remain in its present form.

**3121: Correspondence**

- There was no further correspondence.

**3122: Items for Future Discussion**

- The new bench on the playground.
- Reduction of the speed limit in the village.
- The SPID.

**3123: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.01pm.