



Minutes of Meeting 20th March 2012

Present: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr Mr D Johnston
Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Cllr Mr J Metcalfe, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie,
PCSO. James Owen,
Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest,

Members of public in attendance: None

3332: Police Report and Public Questions

- PCSO. Owen reported 3 incidents over the last month including 2 break-ins and a vehicle theft.
- Cllr Ingham asked about the difficulties with parking outside the school and reported that damage to the grass verges at the entrance to the village was being caused by vehicles parking there, PCSO Owen suggested that a notice be displayed. Cllr Metcalfe suggested the use of white stones on the verges (see 3345) and Cllr Ingham suggested police presence outside the school as the pupils leave school.
- Cllr Gadd mentioned the car in the lay-by approaching Higham which carries an advertisement for scrap cars and proposed contacting the company. This was seconded by Cllr Metcalfe and agreed by all.

3333: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

No interests were declared.

3334: 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.

3335: Matters arising (for information only).

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

3336: Finance

Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.

3337: Clover Croft Development

The third phase is continuing and the builders are hoping to begin clearing for the apartment block soon.

3338: Planning Applications and Decisions

There were no planning applications or decisions in the last month.

3339: Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

3340: County Councillor's Report

There was no Co. Councillor's report.

3341: Borough Councillor's Report

- The purchase of Brierfield Mill has been completed.
- Haddings Lane: An Enforcement order will be sent for the removal of the fencing.
- Rubble is present in a field off Haddings Lane and on the road.

3342: Committee/ Working Group Reports

None this month. The Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee meeting was cancelled owing to lack of business

3343: Review of Risk Assessment and Annual Audit

Cllr. Ingham explained that the Risk Assessment must be reviewed annually. He proposed that both the Risk Assessment and the Annual Audit should remain as they are for the coming year. This was seconded by Cllr. Tetley and agreed by all

3344: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection

- The gate to the playground needs repairing. The Lengthsman will be asked to do this

3345: Parish Matters

- Dog fouling: The front page of the last edition of the "Spout" was devoted to this issue. It was again stressed that no real progress would be made until a prosecution is effected and the subsequent publicity achieved.
- School Parking: Parking outside the school is still an issue. Suggestions include white stones on the grass verges to discourage parking partly off the road and police presence at home time. The clerk is to send a letter to the school highlighting the inconsiderate parking.
- Pub car park and bollard: The bollard has not yet been replaced and the stone boundary wall to the car park is leaning dangerously on to the road. The clerk is to write to the Pub landlords and send a copy of the letter to Co. Cllr. Derwent.
- Spout News: The last edition of the Spout has been delivered on time.
- The SPID has been repaired and will be sent to Roughlee.
- Fir Trees bus shelter: This is almost completed. Cllr Ingham will check progress with Cllr. Forrest.
- Village Hall Donation: No further estimates have been received.

- The tree in the Village Square: This has now been felled. A new tree will replace it at a suitable time.
- Land at the rear of 34 Sabden Road: A fence has been erected by the Lengthsman who holds a key for access to the header tank. A spare key is held by Cllr Ingham and there is a further spare.
- Easements: A request for payment of the easements will be sent by the clerk.
- Gate closure on Croft Lane: A letter re the annual closure of the gate will be sent by the clerk along with the request for easements.
- Spout Header Tank: This will be inspected by the Lengthsman to investigate a possible leak and to improve the flow to the trough.
- Other Parish Matters: Boro. Cllr. Starkie informed the meeting of the two proposed "Witch Walks" to be held in June.

3346: Parish Lengthsman Scheme

The Lengthsman will be asked to complete the tasks mentioned in 3344 and 3345 and to tend to the roots of a tree in Acresbrook which are causing problems.

3347: Items for Future Discussion

3348: Date of next meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm.