



Minutes of AGM 15th May 2012

Present: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. D. Johnston, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie

Report of Outgoing Chairman:

The Chairman commented on the full complement of Parish Councillors and attendance of Borough and County Councillors but felt that the presence of more members of the public would help the council to get feedback. The continued publication of "The Spout" magazine was referred to, as was the village website' which is well used, and the success of the Seniors Christmas Party.

Cllr. Ingham noted the good maintenance of the village and the entry for the Best Kept Village Competition which will be led by Mr. Sutcliffe. Improvements have been made to the car park on Sabden Rd and the bus shelters in the village thanks partly to grants from Pendle Borough Council. The diseased tree in the centre of the village has been removed and will be replaced as a mark of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. New boundary signs and a new bench have been fixed. Further improvements are needed to the car park and it is hoped that the SPID, missing from the village for almost a year, will soon be back in place.

Clover Croft development is now in its third phase with money from the developers being deposited in bonds.

The village continues to suffer from lack of space for car parking and from dog fouling. Attempts to minimise the latter have largely failed and it was felt that only a successful prosecution would encourage less responsible dog owners to use the dog bins provided.

The Chairman concluded by thanking the Borough and County Councillors for their help and support, and commending the report to the Parish Council.

Election of Chairman:

Chairman: Mr. John Metcalfe. Proposed by Cllr. C. Lomax, seconded by Cllr. D. Forrest and agreed by all.

Election of Vice Chairman:

Mr. D. Forrest: Proposed by Cllr. J. Metcalfe, seconded by Cllr. B. Ingham and agreed by all.

Election of Responsible Officer:

Mrs P McBurney (clerk): Proposed by Cllr. J. Metcalfe, seconded by Cllr. C. Lomax and agreed by all.

To fix the Chairman's allowance in pursuance of section 15 (5) of the local government act 1972:

This was fixed at last year's rate of Nil.

To appoint members to serve on the undermentioned posts:

- a) Finance: Cllr. B. Ingham
Cllr. P. Watson
Cllr. D. Forrest
Cllr. C. Lomax

The above were all proposed by Cllr. R. Gadd, seconded by Cllr. D. Johnston and agreed by all.

To appoint members with responsibility for the undermentioned posts:

- a) Planning: All members of the Parish Council.
- b) Grants: Cllr. R. Gadd.
- c) Risk Assessment: Cllr. B. Ingham.
- d) Lengthsman: Cllr. M. Tetley.
- e) Village Hall: Cllr. P. Watson.
- f) Playground: Cllr. R. Gadd.
- g) Website: Cllr. B. Ingham.
- h) "Spout" News: Cllr. C. Lomax.

All the above posts were proposed by Cllr. B. Ingham, seconded by Cllr. R. Gadd and agreed by all

To appoint representatives to serve on the undermentioned bodies:

Area Committee:

- a) Cllr. C. Lomax and Cllr. P. Watson: Proposed by Cllr. B. Ingham, seconded by Cllr. D. Forrest and agreed by all
- b) Safety Committee: Cllr. D. Johnston: Proposed by Cllr. C. Lomax, seconded by Cllr. B. Ingham and agreed by all.

To fix the times of the ordinary meetings of the Council for the coming year:

These were fixed at the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm, as before.

To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held in 2011:

Cllr. B. Ingham proposed that these were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. D. Forrest and agreed by all.

The meeting concluded at 7.25pm