



Minutes of Meeting 15th November 2011

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

Apologies: None

Members of public in attendance: None

3267: Police Report and Public Questions

- PCSO. Owen reported four crimes in Higham since the last meeting, one of assault, two thefts and the forcing open of a garage door.
- Cllr. Tetley asked about advertising in the layby on the by-pass. PCSO. Owen replied that the vehicle carrying the advert was not causing a nuisance and was taxed and insured.
- Cllr. Tetley also enquired whether a temporary one-way system through the village could be used during events to avoid congestion. Co. Cllr. Derwent will check with the Highways Dept.
- Cllr. Ingham asked PCSO. Owen to pass on thanks to the Police for assistance during the Remembrance Service.

3268: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

Cllr. Forrest declared an interest in the Planning Application for Willow Bank (see 3273)

3269: Minutes of the last meeting

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

3270: Matters arising (for information only).

Higham Conservation Area (see 3256): Cllr. Ingham received a letter promising Parish Council and Public consultation if the Conservation Area is to be extended.

3271: Finance

Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.

3272: Clover Croft Development

- Two more properties have been sold and two reserved.
- The electric box will be re-sited below ground.

3273: Planning Applications and Decisions

- Stone Croft, Kiln Hill. The plans have been approved
- Willowgate, Sabden Rd. Cllr. Forrest withdrew from the meeting at this point. Cllr. Ingham displayed the plans and after a discussion proposed that the Council had no objections to the plans. This was seconded by Cllr. Tetley and all agreed.

3274: Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

3275: County Councillor's Report

- Lancashire Young People's Services: Second phase may be delivered through schools.
- Lancashire Environmental Fund: Co. Cllr. Derwent mentioned that two parishes have benefited from the fund and recommended that it be considered for the Village Hall.
- Standards Board: This no longer exists but will be replaced.
- Silentnight: LCC has backed the company financially. Manufacturing from Batley will be transferred to Barnoldswick.
- Co. Cllr. Derwent showed the design for a solar powered compacting bin.

3276: Borough Councillor's Report

Boro. Cllr. Starkie reported that the Pendle Core Strategy is imminent.

3277: Committee/ Working Group Reports

Nothing was discussed which related to Higham.

3278: Sabden Rd Car Park

Further work has not yet begun. The item will be removed from the agenda until the Spring of 2012.

3279: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection

- Cllr. Gadd reported no problems with the playground
- One of the gateposts was reported broken.

3280: Parish Matters

- Dog fouling: A new bin has been installed.
- The SPID: The SPID is in Roughlee.
- Garage on the Playing Fields: It was not possible to remove the structure in time for Bonfire Night. It will be removed as soon as convenient.
- The garage on Sabden Road: Graffiti is still visible.
- Co. Cllr. Derwent asked if the old bus shelter on A6068 at the bottom of the village could be re-used in Blacko when the new one is ready.
- Over 60's Christmas Party: Invitations will be delivered with "The Spout", which is now ready for delivery.

3281: Parish Lengthsman Scheme

- The trough next to the Four Alls public house needs cleaning.

3282: Items for Future Discussion

- Cllr. Watson asked if the Village Hall request for a contribution towards the retaining wall should be added to the next agenda. This was agreed.

3266: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 20th December 2011 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm.