



## Minutes of Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011

**Present:** Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. D. Johnston, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent, PCSO. Ivan Hartley. Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax,

**Members of public in attendance:** None

### **3246: Police Report and Public Questions**

PCSO. Hartley reported 14 calls to the police over the last month. Only two of these were crimes; one of criminal damage to a vehicle and the other of assault.

### **3247: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct**

Cllr. Forrest declared an interest in the retrospective planning application submitted by the occupiers of 104 Higham Hall Road.

### **3248: 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.

### **3249: Matters arising (for information only).**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

### **3250: Finance**

- Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.
- A letter regarding the Revenue Grant was shared. There is to be a reduction of 10% for the coming year. A Finance meeting will be needed within the next few weeks.

### **3251: Clover Croft Development**

- Cllr. Ingham is negotiating with solicitors regarding the payments. Cllr. Ingham has also been in negotiations regarding extending the lease for the storage area.

### **3252: Planning Applications and Decisions**

- Retrospective Planning: 104 Higham Hall Road. Cllr. Forrest withdrew from the meeting at this point. Cllr. Ingham displayed the plans and after a discussion proposed that the Council objects to the application on the grounds of the materials used. This was seconded by Cllr. Gadd and all were in favour of the proposal.

**3253: Clerk's Report**

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

**3254: County Councillor's Report**

- Back Lane: repairs have been undertaken successfully.
- Chinese Lanterns: There have been problems with these being a fire risk and frightening livestock. County is to investigate.
- BAE - Enterprise Zone: County is trying to support skilled workers threatened with redundancy.
- Cllr. Gadd asked Co. Cllr. Derwent to clarify the fares being charged for pupils attending Faith Schools. Co. Cllr. Derwent agreed to determine this.

**3255: Borough Councillor's Report**

- Boro. Cllr. Starkie has examined private water supplies in the area.
- There is a Call Centre for complaints.
- Boro. Cllr. Starkie demonstrated the "Half Full" bin labels.
- A consultation is to taking place regarding the proposed closure of Colne recycling Centre
- Boro. Cllr. Starkie recommended the Lancashire Day in Nelson.

**3256: Higham Conservation Area**

Cllr. Ingham expressed some reservations about the paragraph headed "For the Future" which dealt with a possible extension to the Conservation Area. Co. Cllr. Derwent recommended careful monitoring as consultation wasn't always being held. A letter will be sent expressing concern and requesting consultation.

**3257: Parish Priorities and Community Groups**

Priorities established during the meeting were:

1. The Playground.
2. A 20mph speed limit through the village.
3. Renovations to the Village Hall.

A form sent to the council was then completed. This will be returned to Pendle Borough Council.

**3258: Committee/ Working Group Reports**

Barrowford and Western Parishes: The draft document referring to Higham Conservation Area was approved without prior consultation with Higham Parish Council.

**3259: Haddings Lane Property**

The fencing is still in place. This item will be removed from the next agenda

**3260: Sabden Rd Car Park**

Further work has not yet begun.

### **3261: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection**

- New fence palings are ready to put into position.
- The benches need to be fastened down.

### **3262: Parish Matters**

- Dog fouling: This is still a problem. Some cameras may help to identify the culprits.
- The SPID: The SPID is still in Fence. It should be moved to Roughlee as soon as possible.
- Village Centre. The flags have been cleaned.
- Garage on the Playing Fields: The garage will be demolished in time for Bonfire Night.
- The garage on Sabden Road: Graffiti is still visible.
- Over 60's Christmas Party: Invitations will be delivered with "The Spout". Capacity in the Village Hall has been limited to 80 including all helpers when tables are in position.

### **3263: Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

- All jobs requested after the last Parish Council meeting have been completed.
- Cllr. Forrest requested that the bench at the lower end of the village be dug out in preparation for repair.
- The timber to the bus shelters needs treating.
- The new bench needs fastening down.
- Some stiles are in need of repair.

### **3264: Correspondence**

No additional correspondence.

### **3265: Items for Future Discussion**

None were identified during the meeting.

### **3266: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.01 pm.