



## Minutes of Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Mr. L. Townsend. Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent

**Members of public in attendance:** None

### **2977: Police Report and Public Questions**

- A break-in at a house in Higham Hall Rd was reported. No arrest has been made as yet.
- Cllr Forrest asked PCSO Owen if a watch could be kept at the Nelson entrance to Higham as suspicious vehicles are frequently parked there.

### **2978: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct**

No interests were declared

### **2979: Minutes of the last meeting**

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

### **2980: Matters arising (for information only).**

Three residents of Higham have expressed an interest in replacing the councillor whose resignation appeared in the minutes in August. (see 2959) It was proposed to invite the candidates to observe the Council meetings until the upcoming elections in May 2011.

### **2981: Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition**

Higham was runner up in the medium size village section of the competition. Cllr Ingham and Watson will receive the Ainsworth trophy and Certificate at a Presentation on the 11<sup>th</sup> October. Boro' Cllr Starkie offered his congratulations.

### **2982: Higham and Fence Wind Turbines**

There has been no further news of the plan to install the wind turbines. Boro' Cllr Starkie informed the meeting that the next step would be a planning application. Cllr Ingham reminded the meeting that there is no Parish Council policy at present.

**2983: Finance**

- Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed. He explained the increase in the amount of the BDO invoice.
- Cllr Ingham read out the comment and recommendation from the Audit Report with reference to the Fidelity Guarantee. Cllr Ingham proposed accepting the report and continuing with the insurance at its present rate. Cllr Forrest seconded this and all agreed.

**2984: Planning Applications and Decisions**

No planning applications or decisions have been made this month.

**2985: Clover Croft Development**

Cllr Ingham has contacted the developers and was given an update on the building work.

**2986: Clerk's Report**

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

**2987: County Councillor's Report**

There was no Co Cllr's report this month.

**2988: Borough Councillor's Report**

- Boro' Cllr Starkie reminded the meeting that money would be very tight in Future.
- Dog wardens will be introduced soon.

**2989: Committee/ Working Group Reports**

Cllr Forrest referred to relevant information at the recent Barrowford and Western Parishes meeting.

**2990: Sabden Rd Car Park**

Cllr Tetley will contact the contractors to begin work as soon as possible.

**2991: Land between 106 Higham Hall Road and the Village Hall**

This was discussed at the Barrowford and Western Parishes meeting. The clerk will contact Liberata to obtain the lease.

**2992: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection**

- Cllr Gadd reported the playground to be in an acceptable condition.
- The report from RoSPA is expected soon.

**2993: Parish Matters**

- The next edition of the Spout is due next month. Cllr Lomax is collecting information.
- The SPID is being repaired.
- The hedge opposite the Wallet has been cut.

- There are still problems with the Millennium Clock. Cllr Ingham read out a letter from the Millennium Committee. Money can be spent on the repair if an agreement is reached. Cllr Ingham proposed a maintenance contract. This was agreed by all. The name of the company will be needed.
- The Seniors' Christmas party will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Cllr Watson has secured the caterer and entertainer. Costs are only slightly up from last year.
- Entries for the Village Postcard Competition were examined and passed to Boro' Cllr Starkie.

**2994: Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

- The bench on Sabden Rd has been treated.
- Cllr Ingham shared the list of hours worked with the meeting.

**2995: Correspondence**

- The clerk received a telephone call from Sovereign Playgrounds with a request to assess the play area when improvements are due. The playground is not yet due for improvement and this will be passed back to the representative by the clerk.

**2975: Items for Future Discussion**

- Millennium Clock.
- Seniors Christmas Party.

**2976: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.