



## Minutes of Meeting 20th September 2011

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

**Apologies:** None

**Members of public in attendance:** None

### **3227: Police Report and Public Questions**

- PCSO. Owen reported six crimes including two burglaries, two instances of the theft of stone, and two instances where suspicious characters were found to be in possession of illegal substances or weapons.
- PCSO. Owen reported that Rural Crime in Lancashire is the present focus of Police in Lancashire.

### **3228: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct**

No interests were declared.

### **3229: 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.

### **3230: Matters arising (for information only).**

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

### **3231: Finance**

Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.

### **3232: Clover Croft Development**

- Work continues to make progress. Some of the new section of houses have been sold and one has been reserved.
- Cllr Ingham has queried the position of the gate, presently leading onto the road. The new position will be hampered by the position of an electrical box.
- Cllr Ingham has sent a letter to the solicitor re the time agreed to finish building and honour the agreed remittance to the Parish Council. The position has been acknowledged but needs pursuing.

**3233: Planning Applications and Decisions**

- Willow Gate: Approved.
- Fence House: Approved.
- Stone Croft, Kiln Hill: There were no objections to the proposal.

**3234: Clerk's Report**

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

**3235: County Councillor's Report**

- Footpath 54-Stump Hall Farm: Co. Cllr. Derwent passed a copy of emails to the clerk which were from County Hall and related to concerns over the apparent offer to divert this footpath at no cost to the landowner. The matter is not yet resolved.
- "Village S O S": Cllr. Derwent said that funding was available from the programme makers to develop enterprising ideas.
- Winter Gritting: Lancashire County Council is carrying out an overview.
- A56: Money is being provided to assess the road through Foulridge.
- Southern Cross Homes: The two local Care Homes affected have been taken over and are continuing to run without any upheaval.
- Waste Disposal: Closure of the Colne site is still under discussion.
- Cllr. Lomax reported the reappearance of pot holes in Sabden Rd. Co Cllr Derwent will pass on this information.

**3236: Borough Councillor's Report**

- Boro' Cllr. Starkie reported the suspension of the food waste collection which had been trialed in parts of the borough.
- Eight new skips have been provided at Supermarket sites.
- The grant for 2012 may be reduced.
- Boro' Cllr. Starkie showed the planned areas for constituency change.

**3237: Committee/ Working Group Reports**

Barrowford and Western Parishes: Nothing affecting Higham.

**3238: Haddings Lane Property**

The area is slightly tidier. A new fence has been erected and the horses are no longer in situ.

**3239: Sabden Rd Car Park**

Further work has not yet begun.

**3240: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection**

- Some fence palings are missing. These will be fixed as soon as possible.
- ROSPA : The inspection recommendations were read out and the report passed to Cllr. Gadd. Some areas need attention.

**3241: Parish Matters**

- 34 Sabden Rd: Cllrs. Ingham and Forrest have discussed the situation with the householder's son. The land does not belong to the council. An agreement has been reached to allow council access to the tank and this will need to be formalised to prevent problems arising in the future. Cllr. Ingham will contact the solicitors. Easements will need to be paid by the householder from 2012. This item can now be removed from the agenda.
- Dog fouling: Cllr. Metcalfe identified two places to site the new dog bins.
- Boundary Signs: These are now in place.
- The SPID: The SPID is still in Fence. The time each parish has use of the SPID was discussed. Boro' Cllr Starkie will contact Roughlee Parish Council.
- Village Centre: Paving round the tree in the Centre of the Village is very slippery and there have been two accidents. The Lengthsman will be asked to treat the area.
- Garage on the Playing Fields: The garage will be demolished in time for Bonfire Night.
- The garage on Sabden Road: Graffiti is still visible. All attempts to cover it have so far failed. Cllr. Metcalfe is to speak to paint suppliers for advice.
- Over 60's Christmas Party: Cllr. Watson has agreed a price for the Christmas meal which is to be the same as last year.

**3242: Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

- The footpath from Gawthorpe View to the By-Pass needs the nettles cutting back.
- Areas of Sabden Rd and Croft lane need strimming.
- The area in the centre of the Village needs treating (see 3241).

**3243: Correspondence**

No additional correspondence

**3225: Items for Future Discussion****3226: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm.