

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th December 2013

Present: Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley (Chairman), Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. J. Hammond, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Co. Cllr Mr. C. Wakeford, Mrs A Hammond (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. T Butterfield.

Members of public in attendance: Two

No	Minute Heading	Action
3749	<p>Police Report and Public Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following a letter to the Clerk a member of the public expressed concern about heavy traffic on Sabden Rd, causing damage to garden walls and road surface. There are also problems with rubbish being left outside a house which is being refurbished. • The Chairman of School Governors attended to thank the Parish Council for its support in liaising with North West Ambulance Service re routes into Higham. Their investigation has now been completed and steps taken to remedy the problem. 	Chairman will speak to residents concerned.
3750	<p>Declaration of Councillors' Interests/Code of Conduct No interests were declared.</p>	
3751	<p>Minutes of the last meeting Cllr. Ingham proposed that the minutes were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Watson and agreed.</p>	
3752	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes (for information only) None</p>	
3753	<p>New Councillors Two new Councillors needed.</p>	
3754	<p>Finance Cheques were explained and signed.</p>	
3755	<p>Clover Croft Development Work is progressing well and should be completed by spring. A question arose as to whether the compound area could be converted to a hard standing to be used for village events, instead of reverting to grass as the agreement between the Parish Council and the Developer. It was suggested that the residents of the houses affected by this should be invited to attend a future PC meeting to discuss the matter.</p>	Hard standing to be treated as a separate item on next Agenda

3756	Planning Applications and Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13/13/0502P – Moorcotes, Guide Lane, Higham. Approved. 	
3757	Over Sixties Christmas Dinner Once again the event was very successful. Several residents have thanked the Chairman for an enjoyable evening.	Clerk to send letter of thanks to Sarah Forrest.
3758	Clerk's Report and Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting. 	
3759	County Councillor's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co. Cllr. Wakeford attended the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel meeting and reported on the budget reduction. He is in consultation with the school regarding parking problems on Higham Hall Road. 	
3760	Borough Councillors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 15% cut in the Council grant is expected. He reported on Core Strategy proposals for a possible extension to the bypass and a road from the bypass to the Lomeshaye estate. 	
3761	The Spout Cllr. Gadd proposed a vote of thanks to Boro. Cllr. Starkie for his work on The Spout. It was unanimously supported by the Parish Council.	
3762	Committee/Working Groups No report this month.	
3763	Playground Scheme Cllr. Gadd and the Chairman will attend a meeting tomorrow with the contractors.	
3764	Defibrillator Cllr. Ingham attended a meeting last week when it was suggested that the defibrillator be placed outside the Four Alls. However, restrictions apply due to its listed building status.	
3765	Parish Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easements: One still outstanding. Condition of street signs: ongoing. Grit bin on Nutter Crescent: Boro. Cllr. Starkie advised that it would have to be funded by the Parish Council. Councillors agreed this would not be feasible. 	
3766	Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The drainage problem at Sagar Hill Farm is still ongoing. 	
3767	Items for future discussion/ next agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard standing on playing field Traffic on Sabden Road 	
3768	The date of the next meeting: Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9.05pm.	