

**Minutes of Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Present:** Cllr. Mr M. Tetley (Chairman), Cllr. Mr J. Metcalfe (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Mr J. Hammond, Cllr. Mr R. Willoughby, Cllr. Mr T. Butterfield, Cllr. Mr D. Forrest, Co. Cllr. Mr C. Wakeford, Mrs P. Rosthorn (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllr. Mr R. Gadd, Cllr. Ms R. Jefferson, Boro. Cllr. Mr J. Starkie

**Members of public in attendance:** 2

No	Minute Heading	Action
4249	<b>Public Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do we know what is happening with the Higham Bus Service?</li> </ul>	See 4257
4250	<b>Declaration of Councillors Interests / Code of Conduct</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No interests were declared.</li> </ul>	
4251	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Tetley proposed that the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Butterfield and agreed.</li> </ul>	
4252	<b>Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only).</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no matters arising.</li> </ul>	
4253	<b>Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheques were explained and signed.</li> <li>• An extra cheque was signed for NB Print Ltd (the Spout) as the invoice should be arriving shortly.</li> </ul>	
4254	<b>Planning Applications and Decisions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13/16/0033P Ashlar House Farm Ashlar House Barrowford Road Higham Burnley BB12 9ER Full: Change of use of agricultural buildings to veterinary surgery (D1)</li> <li>• 13/15/0594P CROFT TOP LANE STABLES CROFT TOP LANE HIGHAM BURNLEY BB12 9LX Full: Erection of a stable building (Retrospective) – <i>Approval Granted</i></li> <li>• 13/16/0037P Field No. 2117 Foxen Dole Lane Higham Burnley BB12 9EX Full: Erection of agricultural workers dwelling with associated curtilage and parking area</li> <li>• 13/15/0595P CROFT TOP COTTAGES ROUGHLEE ROAD HIGHAM BURNLEY BB12 9LX Full: Erection of an agricultural storage building (12.3 x 6.4m) - <i>Approval Granted</i></li> <li>• LCC/2016/0011 LAND ADJACENT TO ST JOHNS PRIMARY SCHOOL, HIGHAM HALL ROAD, HIGHAM, BURNLEY BB12 9EU Full :New Car Park</li> <li>• 1/2015 Asset of Community Value Four Alls Inn Higham Hall Road Higham BB12 9EZ</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk to email PBC – no objections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No action</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk to email PBC – object on the basis of it being in a still country area and it being an obvious dwelling not a farm workers cottage.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No action</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See 4255</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk to email HPC support</p>

4255	<b>School Parking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co Cllr Wakeford has submitted his support for the proposed school car park plan. HPC are to offer our support also. The final decision will however be made by the County Council as it is being funded by the schools reserve funds.</li> </ul>	Clerk to email HPC approval
4256	<b>Clerk's Report and Correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.</li> </ul>	
4257	<b>County Councillor's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget - In the next week or so we should know what is happening with the bus service. Questions asked include: is there a possibility of increasing the precepts to help fund the bus service / could the buses do less miles and cut out some of the stops / as a Parish Council have we registered our concerns on behalf of the villagers? There is a budget group meeting on Friday and Co Cllr Wakeford will keep us informed. Hopefully by the next meeting (March 15<sup>th</sup>) we should be able to advise people. If we get any information before hand we will put it up in the village notice boards.</li> <li>Junction 13 of the M65 will be extended / improved over the next 12 months. It may cause chaos for drivers in the short term as it is not a big junction but should be beneficial in the end as it will increase the lanes available on the slip road to three lanes and increase capacity to reduce the volume of vehicles queuing on the M65 at peak times. It will have a traffic light system that will possibly be peak time only lights. The layout will be similar to the one at the Gannow Top junction.</li> <li>Budget – We will find out by June which of the libraries will go. It will be the smaller ones that will probably go.</li> <li>Gulley cleaning has not been touched and it was reported that the drains are blocking. A full review of them will be done within the next 12 months. There are still ongoing issues from the recent floods and as there is only 1 machine which covers all areas they are not being cleaned out.</li> </ul>	
4258	<b>Borough Councillor's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report this month</li> </ul>	
4259	<b>The Spout</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Another good issue. There were a few date errors but lots of information and good articles included.</li> </ul>	
4260	<b>Refurbishment of Sheds on Playing Fields</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The roof will be completed when the weather improves. The doors just need new locks and a good clean up. We are still awaiting a guideline price for the cost of a chipper for the trees that have been cut down.</li> </ul>	
4261	<b>Clovercroft / Land Reinstatement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alan Wilson wants to get the compound sorted out by mid end of March when the weather improves. It was discussed whether or not the electricity supply should be extended up to the sheds or removed completely. It was agreed that if it was extended we do not want it to cost HPC anything as we might not get use out of the electricity supply and would be liable for a standing charge once it was connected. It was therefore agreed for Cllr Willoughby to email Alan Wilson saying that the supply is either removed or extended at their cost depending on how they wished to proceed with completing the development / reinstating the land.</li> </ul>	

4262	<p><b>Path from Laneside to Higham Hall Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update to report. Co Cllr Wakeford to keep pushing.</li> </ul>	
4263	<p><b>Best Kept Village – Ongoing Upkeep / Maintenance List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maps of the village were produced for Cllr’s to pick an area to be in charge of. Areas were allocated and Cllr Forrest offered to draw these up and distribute the maps. A village clean up day of Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May was suggested as the first round of LBKV judging will take place early June.</li> <li><i>Maintenance issues raised so far:</i>  <i>Rusted posts on the ‘Higham’ signs</i>  <i>Paving slab outside number 81 needs attention</i>  <i>Wilkinson Street sign</i>  <i>Halmote Avenue substation needs a tidy up</i>  <i>Centre of village bus shelter still needs a re-varnish / oil</i>  <i>Debris on Higham Hall Road needs clearing</i></li> </ul>	
4264	<p><b>Barrowford &amp; Western Parishes Committee/Village Hall Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report this month from BWPC</li> <li>Cllr Terry Butterfield attended the village hall meeting. Re-decoration in the corner where it is a bit tatty may happen soon. The internal doors have been looked at and are now easier to open.</li> </ul>	
4265	<p><b>Parish Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easements: None outstanding.</li> <li>20 mph limit: Ongoing.</li> <li>Dog Fouling: Ongoing</li> <li>Other Parish Matters:  Cllr. Butterfield is dealing with the new sign boards. They will hopefully be ready by the end of February in time to advertise the Higham Exhibition.  The village hall front door was unlocked when Cllr Hammond arrived to set up this evening. Please remind people to check the front door is locked if they are leaving by the back door.  Litter is being thrown out of cars on to the by-pass. No-one is around to enforce this but you can take the car details / registration number / exact time of incident and pass the details on to the council who will strive to issue fines.  Guide Lane dog bin needs reporting.  Footpath at the top of the park: very muddy and no suitable path for walking / pushing prams on.  John Lomax has recently painted all the benches in the village.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk to report</p> <p>Cllr Metcalf to speak to Lengthsman</p> <p>Clerk to send thank you letter</p>
4266	<p><b>Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No jobs at the moment</li> </ul>	
4267	<p><b>The date of the next meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm.</li> <li>The meeting closed at 9.30pm.</li> </ul>	