



Minutes of Meeting 15th January 2013

Present: Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe (Chairman), Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. D. Johnston.

Members of public in attendance: One

No	Minute Heading	Action
3525	<p>Police Report and Public Questions There was no police report. A member of the public resident in the village asked if permission would be needed to prune trees that are partly on Parish Council land. Cllr. Metcalfe proposed that there would be no objection to the pruning. This was seconded by Cllr. Ingham and agreed by all.</p>	<p>The resident will arrange for the trees to be pruned and bear the costs. Mr. Binney to be advised by the resident</p>
3526	<p>Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct No interests were declared.</p>	
3527	<p>Minutes of the last meeting Cllr. Tetley proposed that the minutes were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Ingham and agreed.</p>	
3528	<p>Matters arising (for information only). There were no matters arising from the last meeting.</p>	
3529	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheques were signed . • Cllr Ingham informed the meeting of the Finance Committee's suggestion to increase the 2013-2014 precept by £102. This was formally proposed by Cllr. Ingham, seconded by Cllr. Metcalfe and agreed . 	
3530	<p>Over 60s Christmas Dinner Costs Cllr. Ingham distributed a breakdown of the costs.</p>	
3531	<p>Clover Croft Development All except one property has been sold on the present phase. Work continues on the next phase.</p>	
3532	<p>Planning Applications and Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field 2117. Foxendole Lane. The application has been re-submitted with a slight change in use. There was no objection to the application. 	<p>The clerk to inform the Planning Department of the Parish Council's decision.</p>

3533	<p>Lane to Sagar Hill Rd There has been no response to the letter sent to Mr Fitton. Cllr. Metcalfe proposed that some funding be allocated to help deal with the problem. This was seconded by Cllr. Ingham and agreed</p>	Cllr. Tetley to investigate the drainage.
3534	<p>Water Overflow into Acresbrook Rd Properties Acresbrook properties are affected by the recent heavy rain An inspection has established that the overflow from the Spout header tank is not to blame.</p>	The Lengthsman to be asked to check on this.
3535	<p>Projects The sheds on the Playing Fields: Work needed on the sheds was discussed and the sum of £10,000 was agreed as a guide</p>	Quotes for the work will be obtained .
3536	<p>Topics for Scrutiny-requests The email referring to this was forwarded before the meeting. Councillors are aware of the format for requests.</p>	
3537	<p>Annual Parish Meeting Cllr. Ingham proposed the 17th May for the next Parish Meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Watson and agreed.</p>	Notice of the meeting will be included in “The Spout” magazine.
3538	<p>Clerk’s Report and Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clerk’s report was distributed before the meeting. • A letter of resignation received from Cllr Lomax was brought before the meeting. • A replacement for Cllr. Lomax was discussed. Boro. Cllr. Starkie suggested that candidates attend meetings before a decision is made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clerk to write to Cllr. Lomax thanking her for her work on the Parish Council • A Vacancy notice will be displayed.
3539	<p>County Councillor’s Report There was no Co. Councillor’s report.</p>	
3540	<p>Borough Councillors Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boro. Cllr. Starkie informed the meeting that he had received phone calls from a village resident with worries that the building on the Clover Croft site could lead to flooding in his property. • Boro. Cllr. Starkie asked that another councillor attend the Barrowford and Western Parishes meetings in place of Cllr. Lomax. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Tetley will attend.
3541	<p>Committee/Working Groups There were no working group or committee reports.</p>	
3542	<p>The Playground There was no playground report.</p>	
3543	<p>Parish Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Fouling: No prosecution for the offence in Higham has been reported. • Sheds on the Playing Fields • The Spid is ready to install • Easements: One easement still outstanding. • The Spout: Information for the next edition has been received. A new photographer is needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be removed from the agenda. • See 3535 • ... • ... <p>Cllr. Metcalfe will approach a possible replacement</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall and gate behind the Village Hall: Some concerns expressed about the appearance of a section of the wall. • New Tree in the Village Centre: Options are being considered. • Other Parish Matters: There were no other Parish Matters 	
3544	<p>Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out No work was identified</p>	
3545	<p>Items for future discussion/ next agenda No items were identified</p>	
3546	<p>The date of the next meeting: Tues 19th February 2013 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.00pm.</p>	