

### Minutes of Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Present:** Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley (Chairman), Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. T. Butterfield, Cllr. Mr. J. Hammond, Cllr. Ms. R. Jefferson, Cllr. Mr. R. Willoughby, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Mrs. A. Hammond (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Co. Cllr. Mr. C. Wakeford.

**Members of public in attendance:** One.

No	Minute Heading	Action
4007	<b>Public Questions</b> None	
4008	<b>Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct</b> No interests were declared.	
4009	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> Cllr. Ingham proposed that the minutes were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Hammond and agreed.	
4010	<b>Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only).</b> None	
4011	<b>Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheques were explained and signed.</li> <li>• Cllr. Ingham presented the budget for 2015/16 to the Council together with comparisons for the current and previous years. In 2015-16 grants from Pendle BC will be halved. This, together with other necessary expenses, will require the precept to be increased by £2,916, bringing the total to £10,092.00. This was proposed by Cllr. Ingham, seconded by Cllr. Willoughby and unanimously agreed.</li> </ul>	Clerk to send precept request to Pendle BC
4012	<b>Planning Applications and Decisions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13/15/0023P – Acres Brook, Sabden Road. Erection of a two storey extension to the rear and a single storey extension to the side. After an exhaustive discussion it was decided to object to the application on the grounds that the design is inappropriate for a two storey building in the green belt. A vote was proposed by Cllr. Willoughby, seconded by Cllr. Butterfield and agreed with one abstention.</li> </ul>	Clerk to email response to Pendle BC
4013	<b>Clover Croft Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One dwelling still to be sold.</li> <li>• The compound has now been removed, gates installed and the road tarmacked. Grass seed will be planted in the spring to return the area to its original condition.</li> </ul>	Clerk to write to the company thanking them for an excellent job and email Pendle BC Planning Dept to that effect
4014	<b>School Parking</b> No report this month.	
4015	<b>Clerk's Report and Correspondence</b> The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting. The clerk has informed the Chairman that she wishes to resign when a suitable replacement can be found. Adverts to be placed in The Spout and displayed in the notice boards.	
4016	<b>County Councillor's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co. Cllr. Wakeford emailed his apologies as he was attending a school meeting. He included a brief report regarding Lancashire County Council's budget process. Savings of £100m will have to be made next year. A 1.99% increase in council tax is expected. He also confirmed that superfast broadband is now available in Higham.</li> </ul>	

4017	<p><b>Borough Councillor's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boro. Cllr. Starkie confirmed that the Tour of Britain cycle race will pass through Pendle on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and will hopefully include Higham in its route.</li> </ul>	
4018	<p><b>The Spout</b></p> <p>The latest edition will be going to press this week. An advert for a new parish clerk will be included together with a notice regarding Parish Council elections to be held in May.</p>	
4019	<p><b>Refurbishment of Sheds</b></p> <p>Cllr. Willoughby expressed concern that there had been no progress. The Chairman replied that the weather had been too wet and work would commence as soon as conditions were suitable.</p>	
4020	<p><b>Best Kept Village</b></p> <p>The Chairman said that he felt it would be pointless to enter because of the problems with dog fouling, particularly on the playing field where people allow their dogs to run freely and are therefore not always aware of when fouling takes place. Whilst Cllr. Willoughby thought that the Council should increase efforts to combat the problem he felt that it had improved and that it should not prevent us from entering the competition.</p>	
4021	<p><b>Barrowford &amp; Western Parishes Committee/Village Hall Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairman attended the B &amp; W Parishes Committee meeting. There were no items affecting Higham.</li> <li>• Cllr. Butterfield attended the Village Hall committee meeting and gave a brief report.</li> </ul>	
4022	<p><b>Parish Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easements: The problem regarding the outstanding easement resulted from a misunderstanding which has now been resolved. The resident has promised to pay promptly in future.</li> <li>• 20mph limit: Cllr. Metcalfe has contacted Lancashire CC to request a speed camera for the village.</li> <li>• Dog Fouling: Pendle Council dog wardens have made several visits to the village since being contacted by the clerk last month.</li> <li>• Other Parish Matters: None</li> </ul>	
4023	<p><b>Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wall in the chapel yard has been repaired.</li> </ul>	
4024	<p><b>Items for future discussion/next agenda</b></p> <p>None identified.</p>	
4025	<p><b>The date of the next meeting:</b></p> <p>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.</p>	