

Minutes of Meeting 19th March 2013

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

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

Members of public in attendance: Three

No	Minute Heading	Action
3567	Police Report and Public Questions There was no police report. Questions were asked by Mrs Mary Macadam about the proposed wind turbine at Copthurst Farm. These were discussed in item 3576	
3568	Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct No interests were declared.	
3569	Minutes of the last meeting Cllr. Ingham proposed that the minutes were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Watson and agreed.	
3570	Matters arising (for information only). Cllr. Ingham confirmed that the compound rent has been received from Clover Croft.	
3571	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheques were explained and signed. • The Village Hall Committee has asked for a new oven to be paid for through Parish funds. • The chairman proposed that Barclays Bond be rolled over into a new 9 month Bond. This was seconded by Cllr. Ingham and agreed by all. 	The clerk to post a cheque to suppliers
3572	Clover Croft Development Another property has been signed off.	
3573	Planning Applications and Decisions No Planning Applications or decisions were received this month.	
3574 and 3575	Reviews of Risk Assessment and Internal Audit Cllr. Ingham proposed that the Risk Assessment and Annual Audit remain as last year. This was seconded by Cllr. Tetley and agreed by all.	
3576	Turbine Proposal - Copthurst Farm The letter from Empirical Investments Ltd was read out. The Parish Council remain unanimously opposed to the proposal.	Cllr. Ingham to draft a letter to Empirical Investments for the clerk to send.

3577	Public Rights of Way-Local Delivery Scheme The Parish Council are involved through the Sabden scheme.	
3578	Lane to Sagar Hill Rd Lack of drainage is still a matter for concern. Poor weather has restricted action on this matter.	Cllr. Tetley to investigate the drainage.
3579	Water Overflow into Acresbrook Rd Properties	The item to be removed from the next agenda
3580	Water from the Playing Fields Drains have been cleared on the playing fields and an invoice for £240 has been received.	The clerk to send a cheque for the required amount. The item will be removed from the next agenda
3581	Projects The sheds on the Playing Fields: discussions ongoing. The chairman has begun to investigate ideas.	
3582	Clerk's Report and Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting. • Information received re the Festive Decorations was discussed. 	The clerk to forward the information to Cllr. Tetley for the meeting on Thursday 21 st .
3583	County Councillor's Report Co. Cllr. Derwent informed the Parish Council of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £5 million to be spent by the County on a new building and training for Dementia. • There are to be 4 new PCSOs. • The cost of Waste Disposal to double to £97.4 million. • Money is to be provided for adults and young people. • 4 new toilets for the disabled to be provided at a total cost of £4 million . 	
3584	Borough Councillors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boro. Cllr. Starkie asked if Japanese knotweed was present in Higham. Cllr. Ingham responded there was none to his knowledge. • Boro. Cllr. Starkie asked if the Council received Crime Reports from the Police, and added that these were available to download. • Grants will be issued in June/July. Ideas for requests should be prepared. • Seltrap: Half hourly train links to a number of destinations has been proposed by Boro. Cllr. Starkie. Discussions with Colne and Skipton re the line between the two has been suggested • £2 million needs to be saved by the Borough Council during 2014/15. • A contribution towards the £311 for "Safe Lanes" stickers was requested. 	This item to be included on the next agenda
3585	Committee/Working Groups No reports this month	
3586	The Playground Cllr. Gadd reported no problems on the playground	

3587	<p>Parish Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easements: Easements are due in April. There is still one outstanding from 2012. • Gate closure: Gate to be closed for 24 hours on 1st April to comply with legal requirements. • The Spid: adjustments for new speed limit needed. • “The Spout”: Boro’ Cllr Starkie was thanked for his input. There has been no interest in replacements for the photographer and reporter. • The wall and gate behind the Village Hall. • New tree in the village centre: no progress as yet • Other Parish Matters: Cllr .Metcalf proposed that the suggestion of a fairground during the Scarecrow Festival be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Ingham and agreed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clerk to write to residents re easements and gate closure • Cllr Gadd to investigate • Item to be removed from the next agenda. • Mr. Butterfield to arrange
3588	<p>Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out Some stiles are still in need of repair.</p>	<p>Cllr. Tetley to contact the Lengthsman. A list of stiles needing repair is needed.</p>
3589	<p>Items for future discussion/ next agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Councillors and Clerk. • “Safe Lanes” car stickers. • Annual Village meeting. 	
3566	<p>The date of the next meeting: Tues. 16th April 2013 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.15pm.</p>	