



## Minutes of Meeting 20th April 2010

**Present:** Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Boro' Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Cllr. Mr. D. Ellis, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent. Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. L. Townsend.

**Members of public in attendance:** Two

### **2868: Police Report and Public Questions**

There was no Police Report or Public Questions

### **2869: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct**

No interests were declared

### **2870: Minutes of the last meeting**

Cllr. Ingham proposed that the minutes of the last meeting were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Watson and agreed.

### **2871: Matters arising (for information only).**

There was no comment on the matters arising from the last meeting.

### **2872: Higham Wind Farm**

- A letter has been received from Messrs Liddell Thomson advising the Council of the proposals of "BT Wind for Change" which involve Wildlife, Landscape and Cultural Heritage surveys in preparation for the possible installation of up to four wind turbines.
- Cllr Ingham received an email inviting him to a meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> April at Pendleside Hospice. Cllr Ingham and Cllr Forrest will attend.

### **2873: Finance**

- Cllr Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.
- The accounts 2009-2010 were distributed by Cllr Ingham and discussed.
- Audit of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement. It was proposed by Cllr Ingham, seconded by Cllr Forrest and agreed unanimously to approve the Statement of Accounts and receive the Internal Auditor, Mr. G. Fitton's report. This report raised no matters of concern. The Annual Governance Statement was executed wholly in the affirmative.

**2874: Clover Croft Development**

- Work is progressing, mainly on the interiors at present.
- The first house will be occupied shortly, whereupon the s106 money should be paid to the Borough Council.
- A member of the public expressed concern about pallets from the development being left by the children's tree swing. Cllr Ingham has asked the builders to remove the pallets and ensure that children cannot gain access to them.

**2875: Planning Applications and Decisions**

- With regard to the planning application for Field No 003 off Barrowford Rd, Cllr Ingham has written to Pendle Borough Council Planning with comments from Councillors about the proposed venture.
- Boro' Cllr Starkie queried the progress on the demolition of the patio at Anderton Rd. It is understood that the wall surrounding the patio remains but that the patio itself has probably been removed as requested.

**2876: Annual Parish Meeting**

- This will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

**2877: Clerk's Report**

- The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

**2878: County Councillor's Report**

- Co Cllr Derwent reported the uncertainty surrounding Lancashire Locals. This may be clarified after 17<sup>th</sup> May.
- There has been no consultation about the Cycle Race which will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Roads along the route need to be in a good condition. The costs of the race have not been included in the budget.
- The funds for the "Best Kept Village" competition are low and a sum of £5000 needs to be raised to keep the event going.
- The brambles on Guide Lane and Haddings Lane are to be cut back.

**2879: Borough Councillor's Report**

- Boro' Cllr. Starkie developed the comments made by Co. Cllr. Derwent with regard to the Cycle Race. There is to be extended road closures and spectators are to be encouraged to park in Barrowford. Boro' Cllr. Starkie pointed out that funds will be requested from Barrowford and Western Parishes and suggested that Parish Councils speak out about this, as each Parish will lose money. Co. Cllr. Derwent supported this view.
- Boro' Cllr. Starkie has produced a new logo for the Parish Council and suggested it was used as a heading for future agendas. The new logo needs to be approved before changes are made, and decisions about the typeface need to be made.

**2880: Committee/ Working Group Reports**

- There were no Committee or Working Group reports.

**2881: Sabden Rd Car Park**

- This will be begun before the next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May.
- Boro Cllr Starkie asked if a letter has been received about applications for Grants. The clerk responded that no contact has been made about this. Boro Cllr Starkie reminded the Council that any requests need to be made very soon.
- As a result of the above, the Council discussed the need to repair some of the walls in the Village. It was decided that Councillors should meet informally to decide on bids on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 outside the Village Hall.

**2882: Boundary Signs:**

- The sign for Higham on the Eastern side needs to be moved to the boundary between Fence and Higham. The sign will need to be angled slightly to comply with Highway regulations.

**2883: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection**

- There was no playground report.

**2884: Land between 106 Higham Hall Road and the Village Hall**

- A suggestion by Liberata that the land be maintained by the Parish Council, and that an agreement be drawn up formalising this arrangement was discussed. The Council were of the opinion that as they had maintained the land for over twenty years it should be passed to their control. This suggestion was passed by the clerk to Ms Barnes of Liberata for their consideration.

**2885: Parish Matters**

- Lighting on Hollinghurst View: Concerns about the poor lighting in this area are to be passed to Community Safety Group.
- “The Spout” magazine. This is now ready for delivery.
- The railings around the Methodist graveyard have been repainted.
- The SPID is now in Fence. The signs for the base plates are now attached.
- Kiln Hill Development: The pipe has been removed.
- Mr Birkett has suggested a rockery feature be built at the eastern entrance to the village. A site meeting will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

**2886: Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

- The weeds near the speed camera still need removing.
- Boundary signs on Sabden Road. To be re-sited.
- Gaps in the playground surface.

**2887: Correspondence**

- Cllr Ingham has received a letter from a resident investigating the possibility of re-surfacing the pavement on Garden Street and asking if the Parish Council would add to the contributions agreed by several of the residents. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**2888: Items for Future Discussion**

- Re-surfacing Garden Street.
- Variation of the payment for repainting the Chapel railings.

**2889: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.30 pm, preceded by the Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9 31 pm.