

# Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> August 2008

**Present:** Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. L. Townsend, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie , Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd

**Members of public in attendance:** Two

## 2534 Public Questions

- The resident of 10 Higham Hall Road raised the issue of the fence panels round the garden of her home which had been the subject of a planning application. She was informed that the Parish Council had not objected to the fence itself, but would have preferred timber posts instead of concrete, the fence should be well screened by vegetation to soften the effect, and the fence should be slightly repositioned to comply with Highways requirements of sightlines.
- A resident was concerned about the replacement of the canopy at the school. The title of the application is misleading, it is a large enclosed room with a roller shutter door not a canopy. The Parish Council agreed with the resident that it was inappropriate at the front elevation of the school. The resident was informed that a letter saying as much had been sent to Lancashire County Planning Dept.
- The same resident raised the issue of the Gazebo outside the Four Alls. The Parish Council agree that it is out of character, is too large and is in a conservation area. No plans have yet been submitted for this. The question of relocating this structure to the side of the pub was raised

## Police Report

- There had been a report by a resident of Higham of an assault by a taxi driver
- Cows had been reported on the road
- There had been two domestic incidents, one within the village and one outside;
- Two parties continuing until 4.00 am; four scarecrows had been stolen; the bench outside the Four Alls and the planter from the spout had both been stolen; the plaque had been ripped off from the new bus shelter; a van had been reported as parked on Sabden Rd car park for six weeks

## 2535 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Cllr Ingham proposed that the minutes of the July meeting were a true and accurate record, Cllr Townsend seconded this and all agreed.

Matters arising:

- The plant named in the last minutes should be amended to Japanese Knot weed.
- The Dalesmoor site – matters are still hopeful, though progress is slow.
- The Chairman of Fence Parish Council phoned Cllr Ingham re the SPID which has been returned to Fence
- The pot hole near Halmote has been filled

### **2536 Finance**

Cheques as itemised in the agenda were authorised. There was an extra cheque for Paul Eddleston for £1,175. It was decided to reclaim some V.A.T.

### **2537: Ongoing Projects**

The fingerpost sign is still ongoing and the plaque for the spout has not yet been received. The railings around the old chapel are to be re-painted

### **2538: Clerk's Report;**

The clerk's report was distributed at the meeting

### **2539: County Councillor's Report**

Co. Cllr. Derwent read out a list of footpaths and rights of way which are still ongoing

### **2540: Borough Councillor's Report**

Boro. Cllr. Starkie reported that the gullies are getting done and asked if the extended footpath in front of the Four Alls be reviewed. He also mentioned the Luncheon Club closure at Roughlee and suggested that Higham should have its own magazine

### **2541: Planning Applications and Decisions**

The plans for the alterations at "Little Owls" have now been approved. The residents of Moore Drive are concerned about the plans for no. 28 West Close and there is to be a site meeting of Councillors preceding the Barrowford & Western Parishes meeting at which it will be discussed.

### **2542: Committee/ Working Group Reports**

There was no report from the Working Group.

### **2543: Parish Matters**

The Senior Citizens Christmas Party is to be discussed on the 26<sup>th</sup> August. At 7.00pm at the home of Cllr Forrest. Cllr Forrest will go through a list of residents entitled to attend. A check will be made with Debbie for the Village Hall and the caterers will be contacted. The footpath at Halmote has been done and the Scarecrow Festival is to be held within the next few days.

### **2544 :Parish Lengthsman Scheme – update and forward planning**

The goalposts on the playing field have been painted. The ginnel has been cleared and looks good. Croft Lane needs strimming and Pinfold on Sabden Road needs thinning and tidying

### **2545:Correspondence**

A list of correspondence is included in the Clerk's Report

### **2546: Items for future discussion.**

The Senior Citizens Christmas Party.  
Village magazine

### **2547: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.30pm