

Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting 16th December 2008

Present: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. D. Ellis, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd. Boro'. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie. Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk)

Apologies: Co .Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent, Cllr. Mr. L. Townsend, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest,

Members of public in attendance: Two

2590: Public Questions and Police Report

- There was no police report at this meeting. A member of the public gave out information re "LINK" and spoke about the background. A recommendation was made that the Parish Council applied for membership. The clerk undertook to make this application.
- Pendle Council is revising its strategy for older people. There will be a meeting at Colne Municipal on the 26th January from 11am to 3 pm. Lunch will be provided. Questions pertaining to older people are needed. Clive Thomason should be contacted with these.
- A member of the public asked about a new entrance which was proposed for a house on Higham Hall Rd. This was dealt with under item 11 (2598)

2591: Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

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

2592: Matters arising

- The fingerpost has now been completed
- A decision was made to assume responsibility for painting the railings around the chapel
- The bus timetable should be replaced as soon as possible as the bus times have now changed

2593: Finance

- Cllr Ingham read out a list of the cheques to be authorised as listed on the agenda and these were signed.
- The SPID has now been repaired and the costs are to be shared with Fence

2594: Ongoing Projects

- There has been no further progress with the bus shelter at the lower end of the village
- Repainting of the chapel railings has been postponed until the spring/summer

2595: Clerk's Report;

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting as an attachment to the agenda.

2596: County Councillor's Report

There was no County Councillor's report

2597: Borough Councillor's Report

- Borough Cllr Starkie reported that the precepts for the coming year were likely to remain the same as this year
- He informed the Parish Council that there would be a review of Parish Grants in the Financial Year 2010-2011
- Borough Cllr Starkie reported on three local issues:
 - a) the flooding previously reported at a house near the lower entrance to Higham Hall Rd, caused by a blocked drain, has now been rectified.
 - b) work has been started on the area of the By-Pass prone to flooding
 - c) the recent problems with gritting the roads was explained. Lancashire County Council has assumed this responsibility from Pendle. The number of vehicles used to grit the roads was inadequate, but Lancashire CC has assured local councils that more grit will be used in future. Boro' Cllr Starkie also revealed that some of the grit bins may be removed in the future and recommended that the clerk write to ask that bins in Higham should be left as they are at present.
- Boro Cllr Starkie asked for personal information from the members of the council to use in the next edition of the "Spout"

2598: Planning Applications and Decisions

- There was an application for a new entrance at a house on Higham Hall Rd. Cllr Ingham gave out the plans for this. Because of the objection raised by a member of the public it was decided to have a site meeting to examine the proposals.
- A discussion was held over a previous application for an extension and new garage at the rear of another house on Higham Hall Rd. which was discussed at the November meeting. Cllr Ingham has written a letter objecting to these plans
- 6 Anderton Rd. The plans have been approved
- 35 Higham Hall Rd. Appeal upheld for covered patio.

2599: Committee/ Working Group Reports

There was no report from the Working Group.

2600: Parish Matters

- Discussion on fund raising activities to be held over to the next meeting
- There is a lack of a central point for residents in the village to gather information. Suggestions were made for using the Village Hall

2601: Parish Lengthsman Scheme – update and forward planning

- No discussion was held about the Parish Lengthsman scheme

2602: Correspondence

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

2588: Items for future discussion.

- Ideas for fund raising.
- Suggestions for use of the Village Hall

2589: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 20th January 2009 at 7.30 pm. The meeting closed at 8.57pm