

## **Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Mr R Gadd, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent.

**Members of public in attendance:** None.

#### **2784: Police Report and Public Questions**

There was no police report or public questions.

#### **2785: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct**

No interests were declared.

#### **2786: Minutes of the last meeting**

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

#### **2787: Matters arising (for information only).**

- The council expressed their satisfaction with the white lines on the road through the village and thanked Boro' Cllr Starkie for his input.
- Cllr Ingham has checked the flow rate of the water spout since the pipe has been replaced and reported that the flow was approximately twice the previous speed.

#### **2788: Clover Croft Development**

- The work on the new houses is progressing quickly and several are thought to have been sold.
- Cllr Ingham has been in contact with a representative of United Utilities who need to divert a cable running through the playing field.

#### **2789: Planning Applications and Decisions**

- There are no planning applications at present, and no decisions have been made
- Rear of Well Head 9 Sabden Road. Cllr Ingham read out a letter from the Planning Inspectorate apologising for the delay in the decision on the appeal.

#### **2790: Finance**

- Cllr Ingham itemised the cheques to be sent and these were signed.
- A Finance Committee meeting was set for Tuesday 5th January 2010.

**2791: Clerk's Report**

- The clerk's report was sent as an attachment before the meeting.

**2792: County Councillor's Report**

- There was no County Councillor's report

**2793: Borough Councillor's Report**

- Boro' Cllr Starkie explained the "Street Scene" delegated services and suggested the Council considered the grass-cutting service. This will be a separate item on the next agenda
- Boro' Cllr Starkie answered questions about the service provided for Higham by Pendle Council, which is limited to the collection of rubbish and re-cycling.
- Boro' Cllr Starkie reported a complaint received about parking on Jackson Fold.
- There was a discussion about the placement of signs denoting Higham's boundaries. This will be an item on the next agenda.
- Boro' Cllr Starkie advised the council that the Grants from Pendle Borough Council had now gone through, and that Higham would lose £68.

**2794: Committee/ Working Group Reports**

- No reports.

**2795: Sabden Rd Car Park**

- There has been no progress since the last meeting. Cllr Tetley hoped to report on progress by the next meeting. Boro' Cllr Starkie advised that the work should be completed by the end of the Financial Year

**2796: Senior Citizens Christmas Party**

- This was reported to be a great success. A letter will be sent to Mr Butterfield thanking him for his assistance at the bar.

**2797 The playground**

- Cllr Townsend has liaised with the lengthsman to repair any areas of risk. Most necessary work has now been done. The ground surface will be completed on delivery of the specialist material.

**2798 Land between 106 Higham Hall Road and the Village Hall**

- Boro' Cllr Starkie has contacted the legal practice manager of Pendle Borough Council with regard to the ownership of this land. The deeds have been examined and the land considered to be the property of the Borough Council. It was suggested that a letter be sent suggesting the transfer of ownership to the Parish Council as the Borough Council have not been seen to maintain the land for a number of years.

**2799: Parish Matters**

- Lighting on Hollinghurst View: Still under investigation by Housing Pendle. Another resident has complained about the poor lighting and an e-mail will be sent to Housing to enquire about progress.
- Footpath from Higham to Fence: no further progress
- The railings around the Methodist graveyard will be painted early next year.
- The Fir Trees bus shelter may not be painted until next year.
- The trees in the village centre and Churchyard. Cllr Forrest has contacted Mr Broadleday and awaits a reply.
- The SPID: There has been no response from Old Laund Booth re the suggestion to share the cost of this repair.
- Reforestation. Discussion will be left until the next meeting.
- The Village Notice board. Consideration will be made to putting the new board into the bus shelter.
- Graffiti. This has now been erased.
- Kiln Hill Development. Cllr Ingham read out an e-mail from the Planning Department stating that the Environment Agency had instructed the owner to remove the development and he had agreed.

**2800: Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

- The wall by the parsonage: Now completed. The Lengthsman has also tidied the area around Blind Lane
- The planter on the by-pass: The sign has now been attached. Tidying in this area is not quite complete. Weeds need removing near the speed camera. Cllr Townsend will contact the Lengthsman
- Croft Lane: Bushes etc still to be trimmed back. A site visit is needed. Cllr Ingham will investigate the possibility of putting stone chippings in the muddy area at the top of Croft Lane

**2801:Correspondence**

- There was no correspondence to add to that already listed on the clerk's report.

**2802: Items for Future Discussion**

- Reforestation
- Grass mowing
- Boundary Signposts

**2803: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.