



Minutes of Meeting 20th December 2011

Present: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax ,
Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe, PCSO. Ivan Hartley, PC. Mark Dibb, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley,
Boro. Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent.

Members of public in attendance: One

3284: Police Report and Public Questions

- PC. Dibb reported three crimes in the Higham over the last month, including a burglary and the theft of heating oil. He also gave an update on a road accident on the A6068 in the summer which resulted in the death of a villager.
- PC. Dibb has been liaising with North Yorkshire Police over the theft of several vehicles.
- Several reports of sheep on the A6068 have been received.
- Cllr. Forrest thanked PC. Dibb on behalf of the Parish Council for the police presence at the Armistice Day Memorial Service.
- PC. Dibb asked that any requests for police presence during 2012 be placed in good time as upcoming national events may mean that there may be a shortage of available officers.

3285: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

Cllrs. Forrest and Lomax declared an interest in the Planning Application for 104 Higham Hall Rd.

3286: Minutes of the last meeting

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

3287: Matters arising (for information only).

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

3288: Finance

Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed. A Finance Meeting to discuss the precept was set for the 11th January 2012.

3289: Clover Croft Development

- Two homes on the second phase are now occupied and one more has been sold.
- An extension of the lease of the compound until June 2013 has been agreed.

3290: Planning Applications and Decisions

The occupants of 104 Higham Hall Rd have re-submitted plans for a garden room with a timber clad roof replacing the one originally applied for. This was discussed and there were no objections.

3291: Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

3292: County Councillor's Report

There was no County Councillor's report

3293: Borough Councillor's Report

There was no Borough Councillor's report

3294: Committee/ Working Group Reports

Nothing was discussed which related to Higham.

3295: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection

- Cllr. Gadd was unable to attend the meeting so there was no report.
- Cllr Watson received an invoice from a company for a playground inspection held in 2007. Councillor Ingham has responded.

3296: Parish Matters

- Dog fouling: There have been further complaints. The new dog bin has been re-sited.
- The SPID has been in Fence since 14 July. It is now not working. Cllr. Ingham has requested that Fence sends it back to the manufacturer for repair.
- Garage on the playing fields has now been demolished. Bushes at the rear of the site need to be cleared.
- The garage on Sabden Road: Graffiti is still visible. The item will be removed from the next agenda.
- Fir Trees bus shelter: Hopefully the new shelter will be ready for erection shortly.
- Over 60's Christmas Party: Another successful event with costs approximately £130 less than last year.
- Village Hall Donation: Discussions re the donation will be re-visited when the cost of the repair and the possibility of a grant towards the work is clearer.
- Other Parish Matters: Cllr. Forrest has received a quote from this year's contractors. As costs were only slightly increased it was proposed that a two year contract be offered.

3297: Parish Lengthsman Scheme

- Work suggested at the last meeting has not yet been completed.
- The pathway between the playground and Acresbrook needs re-covering with broken stone and bushes in this area need to be cut back.

3298: Items for Future Discussion

No items were suggested.

3299: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 17th January 2012 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.