

Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

15th January 2008

Present: Cllr Mr B Ingham, Cllr Mrs P Watson, Cllr Mr L Townsend, Cllr Mr D Ellis, Cllr D Forrest, Cllr Gadd (arrived late due to work commitments), County Cllr S Derwent, Borough Cllr Starkie, Mr M Tetley (observing), Mrs C Carty (Clerk)

Apologies: None

2408 Public Questions and Police Report:

- Query raised on who owns the spout running across the new housing development. Cllr Ingham responded that it would be the Parish Council and that there would be easements to allow access on the land.

Police Report

- PC Matthew Hartup advised that road safety talks had been undertaken at the school along with bike safety training. There was a football event being planned with young people from Fence and Higham.
 - He reported an incident where a gentleman had been knocked down on the pub car park.
 - The school travel plan is to be launched on 17th January
 - The SPID is being put back in the village this week
 - There had been a tree house built on the playing fields and this is being monitored. A saw had been found at the bottom of the tree and there was concern it had been taken from the building site.

2409 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct

- Cllr Forrest declared an interest in the matters concerning the village hall.

2410 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising:

Minutes of December 2007 meeting were asked for approval.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Ingham seconded by Cllr Townsend and agreed subject to the following change:-

Re 2391 – noted it should be Clover Croft.

Matters arising

Re 2391 – noted SPID back in village.

Re 2393 – Mr Tetley has not yet spoken with the licensee at the Four Alls. There may be a change of licensee and the new tenants may be more receptive to the proposals. Include on next agenda.

Re 2403 – Cllr Ingham reported that the recycling collections done by Pendle Council had been very tidy.

2411 Co-option of New Councillor

It was proposed by Cllr Ingham, seconded by Cllr Townsend that Mr Tetley be formally co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was agreed. Cllr Tetley due completed the appropriate forms.

2412 Development at Clover Croft

No work has been undertaken recently on site and may be another 6-8 weeks before it recommences. The legal agreements have not been exchanged yet and the Parish Councillors solicitor is pressing for this to happen. The spout flow rate has reduced

again. New valves have been ordered and Cllr Ingham has requested that this work be completed as soon as possible.

2413 Consideration of Budget 2008/09

A draft budget was presented to the meeting for consideration.

Proposed – to keep the Christmas Party contribution as in the proposed budget but to look for additional ways to fund it.

Proposed – to keep the Village Hall contribution to £100 per month.

Resolved – to accept the proposals and the remainder of the draft budget.

2414 Finance

Proposed – to accept the Audit Report as presented

Resolved – to allow the Clerk and Chairman to sign and send the Audit Report

Proposed – to accept the cheques as presented to the meeting

Resolved – to sign the cheques

Proposed - Following acceptance of the budget previously presented to determine the precept at £6756.

Resolved – to advise Pendle Borough Council the precept for 2008/09 is set at £6756 for Higham Parish Council.

It was discussed that funding may still be available from Pendle Council to purchase IT equipment. Cllr Gadd to obtain quotes and bring to next meeting.

2415 Recruitment of New Clerk

It was agreed to advertise in the shop, on the noticeboards and in the village hall initially. It can also be advertised on Pendle Councils website. The matter will then be brought to the next meeting to determine the next step.

2416 Clerks Report

Written report distributed and accepted.

2417 County Councillor Report

Cllr Derwent reported that zig zag markings outside schools will be made mandatory. Higham school is part of the extended schools programme. It was noted that there is a review of Pendle's sport facilities.

2418 Borough Councillors Report

- Cllr Starkie suggested reviewing what needs to be carried out in the village and to develop a budget to carry out the work
- The proposed Charter between the Parishes and the Borough Council was noted
- A letter had been received by Cllr Starkie relating to a footpath diversion.
- A letter had been received advising that Haddings Lane is in poor condition,

2419 Planning

New

- 13/07/0920P - Corncroft, Higham
- 13/08/0004P – 6 Anderton Road, Higham

No comments

Update

No other matters

The Clerk advised that Planning Training was being held in Penwortham. No Councillor was available to attend.

2420 Committee Reports:

No Committee Meetings had been held.

2421 Health and Safety Proposals for consideration

No further developments at this time.

2422 Pendle Draft Employment Land Review

The letter was noted.

2423 Parish Matters

- It was reported that a resident was hoping to get a scarecrows project up and running and was looking for support from the Parish Council. Cllr Gadd agreed to be involved and get more information.

2424 Parish Lengthsman Scheme

Cllr Townsend will contact the Lengthsman directly.

2405 Correspondence

List of correspondence passed out.

Noted Barrowford & Western Parishes – the planning application for Booths has been approved.

2406 Items for next meeting

Items as noted in the minutes plus usual agenda items.

2407 Date of Next Meetings

19th February 2008 at 7.30pm