

Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting 20th January 2009

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

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

Members of public in attendance: Two

2605: Public Questions and Police Report

- There was no police report at this meeting. A member of the public asked about an application for a licence at a property on Croft Top, Guide Lane. Boro Cllr Starkie replied, explaining the background to the application and the similarity to other applications. He said that the application in question still had to go before the licensing committee and that objections should conform to the criteria. He offered to contact the member of the public asking these questions when more information was available.
- The same member of the public asked about an area of land off Guide Lane which seems to have been neglected. There was also a noise issue from dogs on the property. Cllr Forrest suggested that the latter was an environmental health matter, but that a site visit would be arranged to inspect the land. This was set for the 24th January.

2606: Minutes of the last meeting

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

2607:Matters arising

- Cllr Ellis asked about the new timetables for the buses, which need to be a smaller version than previously. The clerk is to email Co Cllr Derwent about these.
- Cllr Ellis also asked about the bus shelter for the lower end of Higham Hall Rd. Cllr Forrest replied that the shelter was ready but may not be erected until the beginning of March
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2608: Finance

- Cllr Forrest read out a list of the cheques to be authorised as listed on the agenda and these were signed.
- Cllr Forrest discussed the items from the Finance Meeting and asked for approval of the precept. The sums were queried and a decision was made to postpone the approval until after Cllr Ingham had returned from his holiday. The final decision will be emailed to councillors.
- Boro Cllr Starkie asked if progress was being made on the application to

the Village Hall Committee for funding. Cllr Forrest replied that the meeting had been poorly attended but that emails were being sent out

2609: Ongoing Projects

- The bus shelter at the lower end of the village should be in place by March
- A grant should be considered for the painting of the Chapel railings
- The bus shelter at Fir Trees Lane needs re-painting
- The road signs for Laneside Avenue and Higham Hall Rd are still in need of repainting. The clerk will contact Co Cllr Derwent to ask about these
- The top car park on Sabden Rd and the road accessing it were discussed. Drainage is needed. Cllr Tetley is to approach Mr Fitton regarding this. Cllr Forrest proposed a working party in April.
- It was suggested that a request to villagers for ideas for projects in the village should be placed in the next publication of "The Spout"

2610: Clerk's Report;

- The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting as an attachment to the agenda.
- Copies of the model "Freedom of Information" scheme were distributed. Boro Cllr Starkie asked if Councillors would read this before the next meeting and be ready to discuss drafting information for Higham

2611: County Councillor's Report

There was no County Councillor's report

2612: Borough Councillor's Report

- "The Spout" - Boro Cllr Starkie asked for better contact with the various contributors.
- Cllr Starkie reported that Pendle Council will contact smaller councils about their precepts and asked that this be put on the agenda for discussion. He added that grants to parishes totalled the sum of £137,000
- A meeting is to be held between the landlord of the Four Alls and the planning department regarding the canopy at the front of the building
- Boro Cllr Starkie has asked the Highways Department to examine the condition of the roads and footpaths in the centre of the village

2613: Planning Applications and Decisions

- The plans for a double garage at 104 Higham Hall Rd have been approved though the orientation has been altered slightly. Cllr Ingham has written to the architect to remind him that access to the garage is across council land and that this access should not be considered automatic
- The patio at 6 Anderton Rd has been refused planning permission

2614: Committee/ Working Group Reports

See Finance. No other working group reports

2615: Parish Matters

- Cllr Watson asked if something could be placed outside the Four Alls at the spot where the Christmas Tree to prevent cars parking obliterating the cobbles and obstructing the view for cars exiting Sabden Rd. No decision was made
- Use of the Village Hall. The Village Hall is now open from 2-4 pm every Friday for tea and biscuits. Mrs Rawlinson is to try to extend these hours. Cllr Forrest suggested attendance by one of the parish councillors every fortnight
- “The Spout” is almost ready for the second publication. Some items are still awaited (see ongoing projects -2609)
- Cllr Forrest broached the subject of dog fouling on the playing fields and footpaths in the village. Ideas to deal with this problem included leaflets, prosecution and attendance by an inspector. The subject of littering was also discussed
- There have been complaints about the state of the footpaths on Barkerfield and surrounding roads. The clerk will contact Co Cllr Derwent about this.

2616: Parish Lengthsman Scheme – update and forward planning

- The stonework in the centre of the village has been repaired.
- Cllr Townsend is to liaise with the lengthsman about the stile on Sagar Hill and the footpath on Kiln Hill
- Pinfold on Sabden Rd needs to be tidied up and trimmed
- Cllr Forrest thanked Cllr Townsend for liaising with the lengthsman and asked that councillors kept an eye out for other things that need attention

2617: Correspondence

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

2618: Items for future discussion.

- Ideas for fund raising.
- Suggestions for use of the Village Hall
- Parking in the Village
- Pendle correspondence re Precepts

2619: Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 17th February at 7,30. It will be preceded by a talk by Martin Bradley, Rural Development and Training Officer at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.22pm