

Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting 21st July 2009

Present: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. D Forrest, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. L Townsend, Boro' Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Co. Cllr. S Derwent, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. D. Ellis, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley.

Members of public in attendance: None.

2698: Public Questions

- There were no Public Questions.

2699: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

- No interests were declared.

2700: Minutes of the last meeting

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

2701: Matters arising (for information only)

- Boro' Cllr Starkie reiterated that the four items in 2676 (May Parish Council meeting) should be retained for further discussion. These will be part of the next agenda.
- Co Cllr Derwent will follow up the issue of lighting on Hollinghurst View.

2702: Finance

- Cllr. Ingham read out a list of the cheques to be authorised as listed on the agenda and these were signed.

2703: Planning Applications and Decisions

- There will be a visit by the Planning Inspectorate to the Four Alls Public House on the 3rd August.
- A letter has been received by the Chairman from the Planning Office giving notice of an appeal against the rejection of a holiday cottage on Sabden Rd.

2704: Ongoing Projects

- The bus shelter at the bottom end of Higham Hall Rd has now been erected.
- The railings around the chapel still need repainting.
- The large bus timetable in the centre of the village needs replacing with an A4 version which will be sited inside the shelter.
- The bus shelter at Fir Trees Lane needs repainting. Co Cllr Derwent will contact the relevant department.
- Cllr Townsend pointed out the poor condition of the grit boxes in the village. Co Cllr Derwent replied that these will be checked by the County Council (see 2707).

2705: Report from the Clerk's Training Day

- The clerk has attended a training day run by the Lancashire and Merseyside County Training Partnership in which good practice routines were suggested. These were briefly outlined at the meeting. Literature pertaining to the law and Parish procedures was suggested for purchase.

2706: Clerk's Report

- The clerk's report was sent as an attachment before the meeting. Notices received after this was sent out were itemised at the meeting.

2707: County Councillor's Report

- Co. Cllr. Derwent named the contact with Social Services. She outlined measures to be taken by the County Council in the coming year for the area. These include a makeover for Brierfield Library, four new primary schools, some refurbishment for local secondary schools, the retention of lighting on the M65 and gully emptying, which will replace the Carbon Award this Year. Co. Cllr. Derwent added that Council Tax would be frozen and that winter gritting bins would be checked.
- Boro' Cllr Starkie asked about the Fir Trees Lane sign which has been knocked down. Co. Cllr. Derwent will follow this up.

2708 Borough Councillor's Report

- Boro' Cllr Starkie showed the council the draft copy of the 4th edition of "The Spout". He also outlined plans for the delivery of brown recycling bins.

2709: Committee/ Working Group Reports

- There was nothing to report that concerned the parish.

2710: Parish Matters

- Concerns were raised over the matter of parking whilst the proposed refurbishment of kitchens on Halmote Avenue takes place. Pendle Housing have been contacted but have not yet responded. Cllr Ingham will follow this up.
- Sabden Rd Car Park. The meeting to examine the work needed has had to be postponed, but will take place shortly.
- The missing “Higham Hall Rd” sign. Co. Cllr. Derwent will investigate a replacement.
- A decision was made to remove “Ongoing Projects” from future agendas and to specify all items to be discussed in the Parish Matters and Lengthsman’s Scheme sections of the agenda.

2711: Parish Lengthsman Scheme – update and forward planning

- The hedge bordering the by-pass (see 2695). Cllr. Townsend has liaised with the householder who has begun to trim part of the hedge and the Lengthsman still needs to complete this.
- Cllr Ingham asked about the re-siting of the planter at the lower entrance to the village. This would enable a more colourful display.
- The stile on Sagar Hill has still not been replaced. Cllr. Townsend will remind the Lengthsman.
- The tree in the centre of the village. A suggestion to prune the tree rather than remove it was put forward and agreed by all.
- The letter supporting the Lengthsman scheme has now been sent to Jo Turton.
- Cllr Watson asked if the “No Tipping” sign at the end of the “Wallet” row of cottages could be removed.

2712: Correspondence

Correspondence received after the clerk’s report consisted of:

- DEFRA survey questionnaire
- August bus service changes
- Barnoldswick Town Crier event
- Invitation to Training Session(Code of Conduct)
- Roadlife magazine
- Confirmation of Playground Inspection

2713: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 18th August at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm