

Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting 16th March 2010

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

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. D. Ellis, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. L. Townsend, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent.

Members of public in attendance: None

2845: Police Report and Public Questions

There was no Police Report or Public Questions

2846: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

No interests were declared

2847: Minutes of the last meeting

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

2848: Matters arising (for information only).

There was no comment on the matters arising from the last meeting.

2849: Higham Wind Farm

A meeting of the Development Control Committee of Pendle Borough Council took place on 17th March to consider the application for a mast carrying an anemometer. The application was refused. It had been reported that some equipment had already been delivered to the site and set up.

2850: Finance

Cllr Ingham itemised the cheques to be sent and these were signed.

2851: Clover Croft Development

Seven properties have now sold and a further five reserved. The apartment block is the next to be built and the builders hope to open the showhouse in the next three or four weeks.

2852: Planning Applications and Decisions

No Planning Applications have been received

2853: Review of Risk Assessment and Internal Audit

- The Risk Assessment was reviewed. Cllr Ingham proposed that the Risk Assessment remain unchanged from that agreed last year, Cllr Forrest seconded this and all agreed.
- A discussion took place regarding the effectiveness of the Internal Audit. All aspects of the review were considered including the scope, independence and competence of the Internal Auditor. Cllr Ingham proposed that Mr Fitton was invited to prepare the Internal Audit again. Cllr Forrest seconded this and all agreed.

2854: Annual Parish Meeting

- The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 14th May at 7pm. Cllr Forrest and Gadd will organise the refreshments as before. The meeting will be advertised in “The Spout”, though some invitations will be needed.
- Boro’ Cllr Starkie suggested that some entertainment would be appropriate. Cllr Forrest is to approach the school on this matter.

2855: Clerk’s Report

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

2856: County Councillor’s Report

There was no County Councillor’s Report.

2857: Borough Councillor’s Report

- Boro’ Cllr Starkie reported that Pendle Borough and Lancashire County Council Tax was not to be increased in 2010.
- There is to be slight increase in the Police and Fire Service rates.

2858: Committee/ Working Group Reports

There are no reports concerning Higham with West Close Booth.

2859: Sabden Rd Car Park

The quote for the work for the tarmacing has been accepted and the work should begin soon.

2860: Boundary Signs:

- Cllr Ingham has spoken to the Lengthsman about re-siting the sign on Sabden Road.
- A6068 sign. Cllr Ingham contacted Lancashire Highways. No decision has been made about re-siting this sign.

2861: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection

Gaps in the floor covering still need to be filled.

2862: Land between 106 Higham Hall Road and the Village Hall

- No further progress. Boro' Cllr Starkie has contacted Liberata. They were advised to contact Cllr Ingham. So far no contact has been made. Boro' Cllr Starkie will contact them again.

2863: Parish Matters

- Lighting on Hollinghurst View: This still needs to be resolved
- Footpath from Higham to Fence: No further progress.
- "The Spout" magazine. Cllr Forrest suggested asking Cllr Lomax to take responsibility for gathering information for the magazine.
- The railings around the Methodist graveyard will be painted soon. It was suggested that "before" and "after" photos should be taken for the Parish Magazine
- The Fir Trees bus shelter has now been repainted.
- The trees in the village centre and Churchyard. This work has now been completed, although the tree in the centre of the village will eventually need removing completely owing to its poor state.
- The SPID is now at Roughlee. Boro' Cllr Starkie demonstrated a variety of signs for the Spid plate with costs. Cllr Ingham asked if the council were in favour in principle of using these signs and all agreed
- The Village Noticeboard. A decision is still to be made. Cllr Tetley suggested approaching Mr Butterfield for signwriting. Cllr Ingham has made enquiries about bus stop signs.
- Kiln Hill Development: There has been no further progress in removing the structure since the last meeting
- Grass Mowing. This will be monitored.

2864: Parish Lengthsman Scheme

- The planter on the by-pass: Ongoing.
- Croft Lane Tree: Completed
- The weeds near the Speed Camera still need removing.
- Boundary Signs. See 2860.
- Gaps in the Playground Floor. See 2861.

2865: Correspondence

- A letter will be sent to Mr Hargreaves requesting the removal of debris from the top of the playing field.
- Cllr Forrest is to draft letters to the firms tendering for grass cutting.

2866: Items for Future Discussion**2867: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 20th April 2010 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9 27 pm.