

# Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council Minutes of Annual General Meeting

May 19<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Present:** Cllr. B. Ingham (Chairman) ; Cllr. D. Forrest; Cllr. L. Townsend;  
Co. Cllr. S. Derwent; Cllr. R. Gadd; Cllr. P. Watson; Cllr. C. Lomax; Cllr. .D Ellis;  
Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Boro' Cllr. J. Starkie.

**Chairman's Report:** The chairman gave his report, covering the period May 2008 to the present. He noted the appointment of Mrs. C. Lomax as the eighth councillor, bringing the council up to its full complement. He thanked Boro' Cllr. Starkie for his work on the new village newspaper (The Spout).

The chairman listed the various events held in the village over the past twelve months and thanked the organisers for their hard work in making all these events so successful. In the village a new fingerpost sign has been erected and the upkeep of the recreation ground, graveyard, grass verges and the annual clean-up day have all helped to keep the village looking its best. Following encouragement from Boro' Cllr. Starkie, the village will be entered into the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition.

A Village meeting will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, where it is hoped that villagers will discuss any issues they may have.

The Chairman expressed his hope that work on the Clover Croft mill site will be resumed over the next twelve months.

To end his report, the Chairman thanked the councillors, including the Borough and County Councillors for all the voluntary work they have done on behalf of the village.

**Election of Chairman:** Cllr. Townsend proposed that Cllr. Ingham should continue as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr. Watson. All were in favour.

**Election of Vice-Chairman:** Cllr. Ingham proposed that Cllr. Forrest continue as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr. Townsend. All were in favour.

**Election of Responsible Financial Officer:** Cllr. Ingham proposed that Mrs. P. McBurney continued as Responsible Financial Officer. This was seconded by Cllr. Townsend. All were in favour.

**Chairman's allowance:** This is to continue at nil for the coming year.

## **Appointment of Committee Members:**

- **Finance:-** Cllr. Ingham, Cllr. Forrest, Cllr. Watson, Cllr. Townsend were proposed to continue on this committee. All were in favour.
- **Planning:** It was proposed by Cllr. Ingham and seconded by Cllr. Townsend that the whole Council would continue to consider planning applications. All were in favour.

### **Appointment of responsible members for specific posts:-**

- **Grants:** Cllr. Gadd. Proposed by Cllr. Ingham, seconded by Cllr. Tetley. All in Favour
- **Risk Assessment:** Cllr. Ingham. Proposed by Cllr. Townsend, seconded by Cllr. Tetley. All in Favour
- **Lengthsman:** Cllr. Townsend. Proposed by Cllr. Ingham, seconded by Cllr. Tetley. All in Favour
- **Village Hall:** Cllr. Forrest Proposed by Cllr. Ingham. seconded by Cllr. Gadd. All in Favour
- **Playground:** Cllr. Gadd Proposed by Cllr. Ingham, seconded by Cllr. Townsend. All in Favour
- **Website:** Cllr. Ingham Proposed by Cllr. Townsend, seconded by Cllr. Tetley. All in Favour

### **Appointment of representatives to serve on specified bodies:**

It was proposed by Cllr. Gadd and seconded by Cllr. Tetley that the following be appointed:-

- **Area Committee:** Cllr. Ingham
- **Safety Committee:** Cllr. Forrest
- **LALC:** Cllr. Townsend

**Dates and Times of the ordinary meetings of the Parish Council for the forthcoming 12 months:** These would be the third Tuesday of every month as before, at Higham Village Hall

**Confirmation of the 2007 AGM minutes:** Cllr Ingham proposed to accept these as a true record of the meeting. Cllr Townsend seconded this. All were in favour.

The next AGM will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010

The meeting closed at 7.17pm.