

Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting 18th November 2008

Present: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. L. Townsend, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, Cllr. Mr. D. Ellis, Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd. PCSO. Hartup.

Apologies: Co .Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent

Members of public in attendance: Four

2576: Public Questions and Police Report

A member of the public requested information about progress on the building site and said that he understood there was interest in taking it over by another firm of builders. He queried the size of the drainage pipe after a report by a plumber working on the site. Cllr Ingham responded that the pipe should be replaced by a 3" pipe. A question was asked of PCSO Hartup with regard to a commercial vehicle which parks on Higham Hall Road, near Kiln Hill in a manner which restricts the view of oncoming traffic. PCSO Hartup reported few incidents in the month since the meeting in October, but that those which had been reported were mainly on the by-pass. There had been flood reports and one incident of the theft of some stone on the border with Fence. PCSO Hartup was thanked for having the traffic halted whilst passing St John's Church on Remembrance Day during the service.

Cllr Forrest and Cllr Lomax expressed a personal and prejudicial interest in items discussed in Item 11 (Planning Applications)

2577: Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

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

Matters arising

- The fingerpost has been erected but needs completing
- The plaque on the spout has now been installed

2578: Finance

- Cllr Ingham read out a list of the cheques to be authorised as listed on the agenda and these were signed.
- A finance committee meeting has been held. As outgoings exceed income, it was decided to discuss ideas for fund raising activities. This will be put onto the next agenda

2579: Ongoing Projects

- The bus shelter at the lower end of the village is awaited. Cllr Forrest is ready to begin work on this. Lancashire County Council will contribute, and Cllr Forest is in contact with Michael Haughey and Noel Stephen
- The railings around the old chapel grounds are to be re-painted. Cllr Forrest is awaiting a quote

2580: Clerk's Report;

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting as an attachment to the agenda.

2581: County Councillor's Report

There was no County Councillor's report

2582: Borough Councillor's Report

- Boro Cllr Starkie suggested that a list of buildings with Historical or Cultural interest be produced
- Next year's money from Local Development fund grants will probably be the same amount as this year and may be reduced in future.
- "Safe Lanes in Pendleside" – the group is producing a new leaflet. Boro Cllr Starkie asked if anyone would be interested in attending the meetings. Cllr Townsend agreed to attend.
- Boro Cllr Starkie suggested that a photograph and information about the Parish Councillors be included in the next edition of "The Spout"
- Back Street drains. Pendle will look at this in the near future
- Boro Cllr Starkie has contacted Peter Sellars re a discussion on the fence at Fir Trees Lane

2583: Planning Applications and Decisions

- Permission for a timber chalet at "The Fisheries" has been refused
- 6 Anderton Rd. The plans were checked and a visit to inspect the site was agreed
- 104 Higham Hall Rd. (Cllr Forrest and Cllr Lomax left the meeting whilst this was discussed) The plans for an extension and a replacement garage were examined. Objections were received from members of the public on the grounds that the extension would be overbearing to neighbouring properties. It was agreed to inspect the site.
- An email had been received on the Parish Council website with regard to a fence erected without planning permission to a property on Pendle View. Cllr Ingham had contacted the Planning Officer on the matter and the structure will be investigated. Cllr Ellis pointed out that the height of the fence could be measured from the highest point which may be inside the garden wall and suggested that Phil Vernon or Neil Watson could be contacted re smaller matters.

2584: Committee/ Working Group Reports

There was no report from the Working Group.

2585: Parish Matters

- The Christmas Party. A licence for the party needs to be applied for. Cllr Forrest will forward details to the clerk by email. Cllr Watson will check tea, coffee and alcohol. The mayor has been invited and has accepted.
- Fund raising activities will be discussed at the next meeting

2586: Parish Lengthsman Scheme – update and forward planning

- Cllr Townsend will discuss work with the Lengthsman. Local footpaths should be kept clear by him.

2587: Correspondence

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

2588: Items for future discussion.

- Ideas for fund raising.
- Suggestions for bids for grants

2589: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 16th December at 7.30 pm. The meeting closed at 9.10 pm