



Minutes of Meeting 19th October 2010

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

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. L. Townsend. Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent, Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest, PCSO. J. Owen,

Members of public in attendance: Three

2998: Police Report and Public Questions

No police representative was able to attend the meeting, although PCSO Owen sent a report itemising a number of crimes committed in the area around Higham. He also reported on the visit by a number of Year 5 and 6 pupils from Higham Primary School to the Magistrates Court in Burnley, where they took part in an "Inside Justice" week

2999: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

No interests were declared

3000: 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.

3001: Matters arising (for information only).

Cllr Ingham shared the contents of a letter received from British Telecom in which they stated their decision to abandon the Wind Turbines project proposed for the local area.

3002: Finance

Cllr. Ingham itemised the cheques and these were signed.

3003: Clover Croft Development

All houses in the first block in the development are now sold except for the showhouse. The next phase should begin shortly.

3004: The Spout

A temporary sign has been attached to the water spout by Pendle Borough Council stating that the water is not suitable for drinking. This is due to new regulations for Private Water Supplies which came into force on 1st Jan 2010. Cllr Ingham proposed that a new permanent sign be attached which would refer to this fact.

3005: Four Alls Inn

The Four Alls Inn is closed at the moment. Cllr Ingham received a complaint from a resident regarding the condition at the rear of the premises. After contacting the owners he was assured that this would be dealt with and the Four Alls would re-open as soon as a suitable retailer was found.

3006:Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Cllr Ingham displayed the cup and certificate presented to the village as runner up in the competition. A photograph of the presentation is in the current edition of "The Spout".

3007: Planning Applications and Decisions

- Clover Croft application for altering footway materials: this still needs to be considered by the Development Management Committee.
- The Lodge: Cllr Ingham proposed no objections on the grounds that it had previously been passed. Cllr Tetley seconded this. This was approved with one objection.
- 16 Pendle View - Kitchen extension: Cllr Gadd proposed that there should be no objections. All were in favour

3008: Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

- An email from Pendle's Fair Trade group was discussed and a request to add the Logo to future agendas and minutes was discussed. It was decided that the use of Fair Trade products was more practical, but that the logo may be used on issues of "The Spout".

3009: County Councillor's Report

There was no Co Cllr's report this month.

3010: Borough Councillor's Report

- Winter gritting: Boro Cllr Starkie reflected on the 2009-10 gritting by the County Council and said that this year the gritting should be more satisfactory and that the grit bins have already been filled.
- A group is to examine Parish Funding.

3011: Committee/ Working Group Reports

The Barrowford and Western Committee group discussed the Clover Croft Development Footway Application.

3012: Sabden Rd Car Park

No further progress. Work should begin soon

3013: Land between 106 Higham Hall Road and the Village Hall

A meeting to finalise the lease is imminent. It is likely to be approved.

3014: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection

- The Playground Report has been received from RoSPA and was discussed.
- The Rocking Horse needs replacing - meanwhile it should be made secure. Cllr Tetley will undertake this task. Cllr Gadd suggested getting a price for its replacement.
- A dog fouling notice needs to be displayed.

3015: Parish Matters

- “The Spout” is ready for distribution. Invitations to the Seniors Christmas Party will be inserted.
- The SPID is repaired and ready to go up.
- The Millennium Clock: A Maintenance Contract is needed.
- Over 60’s Christmas Party. The arrangements are almost complete. The supply and charges for alcohol still need to be arranged.
- The Postcard Competition: Cllr Ingham demonstrated examples of layout. More photographs are still needed. Boro’ Cllr Starkie suggested asking the History Group for old photographs of the village.

3016: Parish Lengthsman Scheme

- Cllr Ingham has asked the Lengthsman to apply weed killer in various areas.
- The Boundary Sign has bracken and ferns overhanging.
- The stone planter needs weeding.

3017: Correspondence

No further correspondence

3018: Items for Future Discussion

- Seniors Christmas Party.
- The Rocking Horse
- Boundary Signs

3019: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 16th November 2010 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.