



Minutes of Meeting 19th December 2017

Present: Cllr. Mr R. Willoughby (Chairman), Cllr. Mr J. Metcalfe (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Mr T. Butterfield, Cllr. Mr J. Hammond, Cllr. Mrs L Willighan, Boro. Cllr. Mr J. Starkie, P. Rosthorn (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Mr D. Forrest, Co. Cllr. Mr C. Wakeford

Members of public in attendance: One

No	Minute Heading	Action
4676	Public Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
4677	Declaration of Councillors Interests / Code of Conduct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No interests were declared 	
4678	Minutes of the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Metcalfe proposed that the minutes of 21st November 2017 were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Willighan 	
4679	Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBKV competition – feedback was considered to be a bit contradictory but we didn’t do too badly for our class, placing either 6th or 7th. Take the feedback into consideration for next year’s competition • £250 footpath grant to chase up • Flowers - Cllr Butterfield is on with • Clovercroft wall – one possible place to create an attractive area; maybe create a permanent shrubbery or wild flowers • Railing – on going has been patched up • Spout distribution list – has been updated, needs finishing 	Clerk to chase Cllr Butterfield project Cllr Forrest project Cllr Willighan
4680	New Councillor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 interested party attended the meeting. Vacancies to be re-advertised 	Advertise on notice boards and website
4681	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheques were explained and signed 	
4682	Planning Applications and Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17/0992/FUL Full: Erection of new two storey detached dwelling, Land off Barkerfield Close, Higham Ms T Boothman Granted • 17/0598/HHO Full: Erection of a domestic garage, Little Owls, Sabden Road, Higham Mr Duerden Approved with Conditions • 17/0697/HHO Full: Erection of part single, part double storey extension to side (North) and external alterations Pendle Hall Farm Grove Lane Higham 	Chairman to respond with letter, points to consider are: 1 Greenbelt

	Mr G Heap	Comments needed by 21st December	2 Single storey flat roof 3 Metal-fenced balcony
4683	Clerk's Report and Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting. 	
4684	County Councillor's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report this month 	
4685	Borough Councillor's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vince Green has announced his retirement/resignation Broadband fibre optic has to deliver fibre within several metres of properties and BT Openzone have been told to get on with it. Poles have been installed up Pendle and Barley residents are not happy. AONB have spoken to LCC and BT Openzone regarding the 200 hundred poles and the scenic countryside. No consultation, no legal or political frame work involved. Cllr Starkie has challenged with emails asking where they all are going and LCC have said to stop for now. It will be on the BWP agenda. The Government has said that everyone has to have it. 	
4686	Clovercroft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L&W Wilson has sent a defence. Cllr Willoughby read through the emails again and explained their defence. The court will ask the question 'do we want to go to mediation?' which would be a 1hour telephone call with a mediator where each side will voice their opinions / views and attempt to reach a form of settlement. Cllr Willoughby sent a letter to their solicitors asking if they wanted an informal talk or to go to mediation. The response was that they are no longer representing L&W Wilson in this case and that L&W Wilson are now dealing with it themselves. The amount we are claiming, including interest, is £2,500 plus any court fee costs (currently £115). If mediation doesn't work it will still to go court. All in agreement to try mediation. 	
4687	Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing of significance for Higham this month 	
4688	Village Hall Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still awaiting a quote from Jay re barge boards and also the roofer Railings – in hand. Cllr Forrest proposed 2 new ones for either side would be best. Graham Fox has asked Cllr Forrest to provide a Quote. 	
4689	Notice Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Willoughby spoke to Liz Fletcher regarding Mary's bench. She was pleased to be contacted and is happy for the bench to be moved as long as it is preserved within the same area. The suggested plan is to have the notice board backing on to the wall with the bench moved slightly forward and seated on similar slabs with steps up at both sides and planters at either end. The cost is still to be agreed but will be around £500.00. All in agreement to go ahead with the project. 	
4690	Lengthsman Scheme: Update and work to be carried out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lengthsman is moving on with the flooded football field. Has been in with a digger for the past 2 days trying to sort the manholes. He has found one with a pipe cut through that has 	

	<p>allowed a lot of rubbish to accumulate and another pipe has been crushed but has managed to sort it out to put in a new drain running across the field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He will tackle the top field with the play equipment at a later date. 	
4691	<p>Parish Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Fletcher is also the guardian of her mother's extensive research documents about Higham's detailed history. She is presently trying to catalogue and duplicate all the documents in her possession, possibly with the aim of creating a pamphlet. She now lives in Worsthorne and has supplied her contact details. • Christmas Party – We banked £327.00 surplus from ticket sales and bar takings that can be used towards the May Parish meeting. We had good feedback about the entertainment. Thanks was given to all who helped to organise it especially Cllrs Willighan and Hammond • CCTV – Defer to next meeting • Finance Meeting – 9th January 2018 at 7.30pm. • May meeting dates were agreed at 15th May for the APCM and Friday 18th May for the Annual Parish Meeting • No 3 Clovercroft – The owner had demolished a section of the boundary wall backing on to the park with a view to creating a gate/direct access but after being contacted has accepted that the Parish Council cannot agree to this and has booked his builder to rebuild the wall this week. 	Clerk, Cllr Willoughby, Cllr Metcalfe and Cllr Hammond
4692	<p>Items for Future Discussion / For next agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV • Spout • Precept • No 3 Clovercroft 	
4693	<p>The date of the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.30pm • The meeting closed at 9.40pm 	