

Draft Minutes of Meeting 16th January 2024

Present: Cllr. Mr M. Tetley, Cllr Mrs. D. Perrin, Cllr. Mr T Butterfield, Cllr. Mr R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr I. Whittle, His Worship the Mayor - Cllr. Mr B. Newman, Co. Cllr. Mr H. Hartley, Clerk & RFO P. Rosthorn

Apologies: Cllr. Mrs J. Meredith, Cllr. Mrs L. Willighan, Cllr. Mr J. Metcalfe

Members of the Public Present: 1

| No | Minute Heading | Action |
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| 5856 | Public Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was brought to our attention that the issue with the septic tank at Haddings Head has not yet been resolved | <i>Clerk to email PBC environmental services</i> |
| 5857 | Declaration of Councillors Interests / Code of Conduct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to be declared this month | |
| 5858 | Minutes of the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Butterfield proposed that the minutes of 19th December 2023 were correct. This was seconded by Cllr Perrin and agreed by all | |
| 5859 | Update on progress of outstanding items arising from the Minutes (for information only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding items will be discussed as part of the agenda | |
| 5860 | Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments for expenditure explained and agreed by all • Budget and Precept for 2024/25 proposed and agreed by all | <i>Clerk to email signed precept form to PBC</i> |
| 5861 | Clerk's Report and Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report was distributed before the meeting • Higham sign is ready to go back up with the new clips | <i>Cllr Tetley to sort</i> |
| 5862 | Planning Applications and Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new applications or updates to consider this month | |
| 5863 | Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing pertaining to Higham this month | |
| 5864 | Borough Councillors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report this month. December was a busy month for Mayoral duties | |
| 5865 | County Councillors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not much to report this month. The police are pushing ahead with the move to Carr Road • HHR near the Vicarage sill has an unresolved flooding issue. Cllr Butterfield will send photos and video to Co Cllr Hartley | <i>Cllr Butterfield</i> |

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| 5866 | Village Hall Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Whittle provided an update on ongoing Village Hall repairs and maintenance • Unsure about claiming back VAT | <i>Clerk to investigate</i> |
| 5867 | Village Maintenance Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree work – ongoing (ground too wet at present) • Lengthsman scheme – Cllr Tetley will speak to Angela about the possibilities of rejoining • Playground – ground is still wet. Awaiting report from playground inspectors which is due to be completed next week • Biodiversity – ongoing (ground wet at present) • Copthurst Ave – the end near the grass area is very wet and muddy. To keep an eye on this in case there is a leak in that area • LBKV v Britain in Bloom – Cllr Tetley has knowledge of BiB and is not sure that it is a suitable competition for Higham to enter. After discussion, it was agreed that we would take a year out of LBKV to concentrate on getting some maintenance work completed and to try and encourage greater involvement from the villagers • Weeds – Cllr Tetley will contact PBC to confirm dates for this year's weeding. Needs to be complete at least twice | <i>Add to next Agenda for discussion</i> <i>Ongoing maintenance work to stay on Agenda</i> <i>Add LBKV to Autumn Agenda for further discussion</i> |
| 5868 | Parish Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damaged gate post on Croft Lane still needs replacing • We now have a new Police Sergeant and Police Constable for our Ward, both of whom are stationed at Clitheroe Police Station | |
| 5869 | Items for Future Discussion / For next agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBKV – Autumn Agenda • Spout Magazine • Playground Inspection Report | |
| 5870 | The date of the next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 7.00pm ~~~~~ • The meeting closed at 20:26 | |