

ELSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on

Thursday 24 July 2008 in Elswick and District Village Hall commencing at 7.45pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Rowe (Chair), Chedd, Hayhurst, James, Molloy and Taylor. In attendance Mrs Elvy (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Emmington.

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

2. MINUTES – of the Ordinary Meeting (26.6.08) were read, approved and signed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

4. PLANNING

i) FBC Decisions:

a) 08/0491 Barndale, Copp Lane, Elswick – Proposed conservatory to rear of dwelling – GRANTED.

b) 08/0402 Gorst Farm, Lodge Lane, Elswick – WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT.

08/52 Resolved: Despite no longer being a member of CPRE it was agreed that a copy of the PC response to similar proposals will be sent to the CPRE planning representative to ensure local objection/support is known.

ii) Items for Consideration:

a) 08/0604 Southview, 1 Grange Road, Elswick – Resubmission of 08/0330 Conservatory to side.

08/53 Resolved: No comment on the proposal.

b) 08/0605 Willow Bank, High Street, Elswick - Resubmission of 08/0059 Single Storey Rear Extension.

08/54 Resolved: No comment on the proposal.

5. LEISURE AND AMENITIES

i) Playground Refurbishment

Cllr Rowe will contact Wicksteed once again regarding the condition of the grassed areas and their proposal to remedy the situation. Mrs Elvy will collate outstanding fundraising from third parties. Following resolution 08/35 the signage has been delayed therefore an alternative provider has been found and payment was agreed during item 6.

08/55 Resolved: Subject to completion of the playground Cllr Hayhurst was given authority to request release of the payment from SITA.

08/56 Resolved: A budget of £400 was allocated for the plaque and siting mount.

ii) Larbreck Avenue Playground

A letter had been received confirming the situation had settled down significantly. The Council were thanked for their assistance in the matter.

6. FINANCE

i) Expenditure to be resolved

Date	To Whom	Reason for Payment	Chq No	Nett	VAT	Total
14.7.08	Eon	Electricity Supplier	DDebit	118.30	20.70	139.00
24.7.08	G Thornley	Wages	100107	270.38	0.00	270.38
24.7.08	V Elvy	Wages	100108	115.35	0.00	115.35
24.7.08	Post Office Ltd	Road Sweeper Road Tax	100109	165.00	0.00	165.00
24.7.08	Emmington Electrical	Compactor Sacks	100110	20.00	3.50	23.50
24.7.08	HS Dransfield	Skip EPC 50	100111	90.00	15.75	105.75
24.7.08	S Kernohan	Honorarium Internal Audit	100112	100.00	0.00	100.00
24.7.08	Hallmark Sec Systems	Re-angle CCTV camera	100113	65.00	11.38	76.38
24.7.08	V Elvy	Expenses	100114	42.54	1.57	44.11
24.7.08	HMRC	NI/Tax Contributions	100115	28.80	0.00	28.80
24.7.08	A Atkinson	Mowing	100116	240.00	0.00	240.00
24.7.08	G Thornley	Mowing	100117	300.00	0.00	300.00
24.7.08	G Thornley	Expenses	100118	82.97	14.51	97.48
24.7.08	GRS Signs	3xplayground signs	100119	91.50	0.00	91.50
31.7.08	G Hall	Bowling Green Contract	SOrder	275.00	0.00	275.00

08/57 Resolved: that these accounts are to be paid.

ii) Income to be acknowledged

Date	Received from	Reason for Payment	Payment Type	Amount (£)
24.7.08	Great Eccleston PC	Roadsweeping 23.5.08	Cheque	165.00
24.7.98	FBC	Elswick in Bloom	Cheque	360.00

08/58 Resolved: Income acknowledged and to be paid into the Bank.

iii) Items to be invoiced

An invoice is to be raised to GEPC for roadsweeper use on 25.6.08 for 5.5 hours.

7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hayhurst reported he had requested a call-in following negotiations between FBC and a housing association wishing build a homeless hostel. This will now require discussion by the full Borough Council rather than 8 Cabinet members.

8. OPEN SPACES

i) Football Pitch

Concern was raised regarding rumours circulating that the football pitch was to be built upon. This information is incorrect and residents were asked to either attend the monthly meetings or talk to a Councillor prior to believing similar stories.

08/59 Resolved: Cllr Hayhurst was given authority to request a quotation from Danvic for weeding and treatment of the football pitch up to a budget of £500.

9. AMENITY CLEANSING

08/60 Resolved: A cheque was authorised for payment of the road tax and Mr Thornley was given authority to arrange a Service on the road sweeper.

08/61 Resolved: The Clerk will investigate the cost of roadsweeper hire including operator for reference purposes.

10. MAINTENANCE WORK

Following discussion the following was resolved.

08/62 Resolved: Cllr Molloy will arrange replacement of the rotten kickboards at the MUGA upto £500 and fencing upto £100. Anti-vandal paint will be considered during future maintenance.

11. HIGHWAYS

i) LCC response to issues raised at Parish Assembly – Cllr Rowe read the correspondence to the meeting. A copy will be sited with the published Minutes on the Noticeboards.

ii) Road Signs

08/63 Resolved: to request a replacement sign on Roseacre Drive following vandalism.

iii) Dangerous Driving

A small white van has been spotted driving dangerously along Copp Lane and Lodge Lane. This has resulted in one accident at which the driver of the van did not stop. The Police have been informed.

12. CORRESPONDENCE - not already dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda

i) LCC Waste Management Strategy Questionnaire - distributed.

ii) Bus Shelters – LCC has offered a grant for a new bus shelter. The logistics of this will be considered further as FBC own the bus shelters in the Parish.

13. STAFFING

i) Clerk Vacancy

The advertisement has been placed in the In Focus and signs are up on the noticeboards as well as the website.

08/64 Resolved: Due to the personal information to be discussed the Council went into Committee and members of the public were requested to leave the meeting.

IN COMMITTEE

08/65 Resolved: The Council will meet to discuss applications on 26 August 2008 at 8.30pm in the Council Offices.

14. COUNCIL DIARY

Forthcoming actions were noted.

15. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 4 September 2008 at 7.45pm in Elswick and District Village Hall (not 28 August as previously advertised).

Signed: Chairman Date

Signed: Clerk Date

