

ELSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on

Monday 23 February 2009 in Elswick and District Village Hall commencing at 7.45 pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Rowe (Chair), Chedd, Hayhurst, Taylor, Emmington and Molloy. In attendance K Coleman (Clerk). Cllr Chedd was in attendance for first fifteen minutes of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr James

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST - Nil

3. MINUTES – the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting (22.01.09) were read, approved and signed as a correct record with the following amendment Point 7(i) deletion of 'on the VH land' and change of 'VH Committee' to 'Parish Council.'

4. MATTERS ARISING -

- i) Maturity of Deposit Bond – still being investigated.
- ii) New Garage – High Street – contacted planning at FBC – awaiting response.

5. PLANNING

i) Items for consideration

(a) 09/0033 – 28 Roseacre Road, Elswick Double garage with pitched roof

08/149 It was resolved that a response was not necessary the Council had no objections in principle.

(b) 09/0061 – Land Roseacre Rd, Elswick – 2 separate stables with sand paddock for private use (resubmission)

08/150 It was resolved that a report containing the Parish Council's comment be sent to FBC.

The planning application for Gorst Farm was raised as no decision or feedback had been received.

6. FINANCE

a. Expenditure to be resolved

DATE	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS OF PAYMENT	Chq Number	NET PAYMENTS	VAT	TOTAL PAYMENTS
12.02.09	Eon	Electricity Supplier	DDebit	£132.38	£6.62	£139.00
02.02.09	G Hall	Mowing of Bowling Green	SO	£275.00		£275.00
22.01.09	G Thornley	Wages - January	100181	£288.40		£288.40
26.02.09	G Thornley	Wages - February	100182	£230.72		£230.72
26.02.09	K Coleman	Wages - January	100183	£84.00		£84.00
26.02.09	K Coleman	Wages - February plus Extra 13.5 hrs	100184	£148.50		£148.50
22.01.09	PAYE	Wages - January/February	100185	£70.60		£70.60
22.01.09	G Thornley	Expenses	100189	£39.65	£5.35	£45.00
22.01.09	K Coleman	Expenses	100188	£19.34	£0.10	£19.44
17.02.09	JimBob Agriculture Ltd	Recover Sweeper from Els + repair	100186	£248.25	£37.25	£285.50
23.02.09	Global Gold Network	Renewal of Website Hosting	100187	£71.75	£10.76	£82.51
				£1,608.59	£60.08	£1668.67

08/151 It was resolved that all the above accounts are to be paid. It was also resolved that the fee for the NW in Bloom competition be approved subject to confirmation of the FBC policy re this competition.

b. Income to be acknowledged

DATE	PAYMENT FROM	DETAILS OF PAYMENT	Method	NET PAYMENTS	VAT	TOTAL PAYMENTS
23.01.09	MUGA	£162 CASH £45 CHEQUE		£207.00		£207.00
				£207.00	£0.00	£207.00

08/152 It was resolved that the above income be acknowledged and paid into the Bank where applicable.

(iii) Budget/Precept

Cllr Hayhurst presented the Precept/Budget for 2009/2010 explaining variations and highlighting possible areas that may need repair/improvement: MUGA fencing, a possible wild flower meadow. It was proposed that the Council precept £21,500 and particular areas of note were:

(a) Grass cutting and use of the sweeper- the sweeper is being repaired regularly at a cost to the Parish Council so it was suggested that more time be spent litter picking rather than sweeping. Fewer cuts per season for the football pitch was also discussed. It was suggested that the gully pump be requested for Bond's Lane.

08/153 It was resolved that sweeping was only done when needed, perhaps once per month and the football pitch only cut when necessary. New procedures to be established with lengthsman. Clerk to liaise with lengthsman re marking of blocked drains.

(b) Charges for rental of the all weather facilities – it was proposed that the Junior rates be reduced to encourage use of the facilities.

08/154 It was resolved that junior charges be reduced to £8.00 per hour with floodlights and to £5.00 per hour without lights. New notices to be drafted.

(c) Electricity/Water Supply – it was reported that the Council's account with Eon was in credit and it was suggested that a comparison of suppliers be undertaken.

08/155 It was resolved that Eon be contacted to arrange the repayment of the credit and that a review of suppliers be undertaken when contracts ready for renewal. The precept proposal of £21,500 was accepted and it was resolved that an item advising the Village of the budget be included in the next edition of the Elswickian.

iii) Local Council Briefing Spring 2009 – a copy of the briefing was given to all present.

08/156 It was resolved that a working group be established to review the information in detail.

7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Nil to report.

8. OPEN SPACES

(i) Parish Council Lengthsman (covered under item 6a above.)

9. CORRESPONDENCE – not already dealt with elsewhere on agenda

i) Fylde Standards Committee – The Council had been asked to nominate a member to fill a vacancy on this committee.

08/157 It was resolved that Councillor Rowe be nominated.

ii) North Fylde Community Responder Group – The Council had been asked to consider a letter asking for help to organise venues and audiences for first aid training.

08/158 It was resolved that the correspondence be passed to the VH Committee.

iv) Campaign to Protect Rural England – to consider the request for the Council to write to the County concerning sustainable transport options. The condition of local roads was raised and a tour of the Village was suggested so that pot holes could be highlighted.

08/159 It was resolved that Chairman review the letter from CPRE and reply if necessary.

v) Information from LALC – various leaflets/notices had been received for the Council to review.

08/160 It was resolved that: (1) Chairman be nominated for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party (2) no entry be submitted for the Calor Village of the Year Comp (3) Chairman review the forms for the Best Kept Village Comp.

v) Unmetered Energy Supply for Festive Lighting – communication had been received from FBC.

08/161 It was resolved to note the information from FBC.

vi) Bus Timetable Changes – information regarding changes to bus timetables had been received from the Environment Directorate asking if copies of changes were needed.

08/162 It was resolved to ask for some timetable change leaflets, but also to ask if the Council could be included in any future consultations before changes are finalised. Clerk to action.

vii) Joint Lancs Minerals and Waste Development Framework – information had been provided advising of forthcoming consultation events.

08/163 It was resolved that no further action needed to be taken.

viii) District Parish Liaison Group – a spreadsheet had been received showing all future scheduled FBC meetings.

08/164 It was resolved that no further action needed to be taken.

ix) Play Area Inspection – correspondence had been received advising that no problems had been reported on a recent inspection of the Elswick play area.

08/165 It was resolved that the Parks Inspectors be contacted to report a squeaking problem with the swings.

11. COUNCIL DIARY

i) Meeting Dates –

08/166 It was resolved to change the date of the April meeting. The meeting now 30 April 2009.

12. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 26 March 09 at 7.45pm in Elswick & District VH.

Signed: Chairman Date