

ELSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on

Thursday 30 April 2009 in Elswick and District Village Hall commencing at 7.45 pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Rowe (Chair), Hayhurst, Taylor, Emmington, James and Molloy. In attendance K Coleman (Clerk).

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Chedd
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - Nil
3. **MINUTES** – the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting (26.03.09) were read, approved and signed as a correct record.
4. **MATTERS ARISING** - Nil

5. **PLANNING**

i) FBC Decisions

(a) 09/0068 – 4 Bonds Lane, Elswick – Proposed front and rear extension – Granted

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

ii) Items for Consideration

(a) 09/0140 – The Coppice, Bonds Lane, Elswick – Cert of Lawfulness for existing use as Dwelling (non compliance with Agricultural occupancy condition no 2 Application no 77/0044)

A draft response was read to the meeting and slight amendments made.

08/186 It was resolved that the amended response be forwarded to FBC.

iii) Other – It was suggested that a planning notice be put together to put on notice boards when planning applications received. The notice would give details of deadline for response, who to write to etc.

6. **FINANCE**

i) Expenditure to be resolved

DATE	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS OF PAYMENT	Chq Number	NET PAYMTS	VAT	TOTAL PAYMTS
14.04.09	Eon	Electricity Supplier	DDebit	£120.87	£18.13	£139.00
31.03.09	G Hall	Mowing of Bowling Green	SO	£275.00		£275.00
30.04.09	A W Atkinson	Mowing of Grass and Weeding	100199	£420.00		£420.00
30.04.09	G A Thornley	Mowing March and April	100200	£370.00		£370.00
30.04.09	G A Thornley	Expenses Diesel £25, Mileage £10 goods £10	100201	£40.32	£4.68	£45.00
30.04.09	K Coleman	Wages - April	100202	£84.00		£84.00
30.04.09	G A Thornley	Wages - April	100203	£253.80		£253.80
30.04.09	K Coleman	Expenses - Mileage £10.80 other £13.77	100204	£24.44	£0.13	£24.57
30.04.09	IRevenue	PAYE - April	100205	£21.00		£21.00
				£1,609.43	£22.94	£1,632.37

08/187 It was resolved that all the above accounts are to be paid

ii) income to be acknowledged

DATE	PAYMENT FROM	DETAILS OF PAYMENT	Method	NET PAYMENTS	VAT	TOTAL PAYMENTS
06.04.09	EON	Repayment of Credit	Transfer	£214.61		£214.61
29.04.09	The Ship	Fund Raising Playgnd	Cheque	£482.00		£482.00
24.04.09	Fylde Borough Council	Precept	Transfer	£10,750.00		£10,750.00
		Amenity Cleansing		£2,452.00		£2,452.00
		Bus Shelter		£140.00		£140.00
		Playground Mtnance		-£528.00		-£528.00
				£13,510.61	£0.00	£13,510.61

08/188 It was resolved that the above income be acknowledged and paid into the Bank where applicable.

iii) Financial Statement for 2008/09 -

An end of year financial statement had been prepared and was distributed to the meeting. The Parish Council accepted the report although it should be noted that the figures were distorted by monies for the Playground. It was also noted that monies had been allocated to replacement/repair programmes at the March meeting under resolution 08/170.

08/189 It was resolved that a statement for the annual report be prepared.

iv) Parish Insurance 2009/2010

Details of the insurance premium were given to the meeting and a discussion about increasing the sum insured for the Playground equipment to £46k was discussed. The Fylde BC cover for replacement of equipment was also discussed.

08/190 It was resolved that the quote be accepted, but that the Playground equipment cover be increased providing the premium remained as quoted.

v) Sweeper Insurance 2009/2010

The cover for the sweeper had increased considerably and it was recommended that a quote from Allianz be requested.

08/191 It was resolved to accept the Came & Co quote if the Allianz quote was not significantly lower.

iv) Other

(a) It was reported to the meeting that competitive quotes had been obtained from other electric providers in readiness for renewal of the contract in August 09. Details of the best quote from British Gas were compared to the costs currently being charged by Eon.

08/192 It was resolved to accept the British Gas quote as it was considerably lower than Eon.

(b) The meeting was informed that a repair to the sweeper's starter motor was needed. The quote received was £150 to carry out the work.

08/193 It was resolved to accept the quote and to organise the repair.

7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hayhurst reported that a conservation officer had been appointed by FBC and that the Borough Council were considering what notice to service on The Barn, Copp Lane, Elswick.

8. STAFFING

i) Parish Council Lengthsman

It was suggested that dates tasks are carried out should be included on all invoices and that Larbreck Avenue should be added to the current work sheet.

08/194 It was resolved that hours to remain as 2008/09 and that the above suggestions be implemented.

ii) Staff Salaries

After discussion it was suggested that the Lengthsman salary be aligned with any local government pay award and that simple terms and conditions/salary/expenses be drafted for the Clerk.

08/195 It was resolved that the Lengthsman's salary be aligned with any local government pay awards and that Cllrs Rowe and Hayhurst draft terms for the Clerk. On confirmation of above any pay award to be back dated to 1st April 2009.

9. OPEN SPACES

i) Wild Flower Meadow

08/196 It was resolved to include on the next agenda.

10. MAINTENANCE WORK

i) Fencing Tender

08/197 It was resolved that repair to the fencing be undertaken and that further work on this project was needed - to include on the May agenda.

ii) Other

(a) It was reported that repair work was needed to various raised beds/tree boxes within the village. Quotes totalling £700 + VAT had been received to cover required work and staining.

08/198 It was resolved that this quote be accepted and work organised as early as possible.

(b) It was reported that the Pavilion had windows/roof tiles/gutters that needed replacing and it was suggested that anti-vandal paint be considered along with the necessary signs.

08/199 It was resolved that Cllr Emmington obtain quotes.

11. BYE-LAWS

Correspondence from FBC had been circulated prior to the meeting regarding the replacement of a current bye-law with a Dog Control Order. This order applied to the Larbreck and Roseacre Road play areas and Cllrs had been asked to consider any comments they may wish to make.

08/200 It was resolved that specific comments on the proposal were not required. It was agreed to suggest that the Order be extended to include the Bowling Green, Tennis Courts and Football pitch areas.

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

i) LALC Information

Information had been received on various workshops – Quality Parish Scheme and Power of Well Being. A quick summary of the Power of Well Being was given.

08/201 It was resolved that the Power of Well Being be further investigated.

ii) Happy Geese Playgroup

An email from the playgroup organisers had been received asking if the Council had any objections to the playgroup erecting a secure storage facility in the VH grounds. A lengthy discussion ensued.

08/202 It was resolved that the playgroup be told that their storage problems could be resolved either temporarily or permanently – although a shed may need planning permission.

iii) Kirkham Baths

A letter had been received asking for a financial contribution to the running costs of the baths once the running of this facility was handed over to the YMCA/Rural Splash.

08/203 It was resolved that a response be sent advising that the Council could not contribute because of changes with its own financial situation.

iv) Fylde Civic Awareness

Correspondence had been received giving details of a conference to be held in June on how civic groups can obtain information on available funding/promoting cause. The letter asked the Council to provide details of any such groups.

08/204 It was resolved that no further action was needed.

v) Best Kept Village Competition –

The Council discussed entry to this competition and they were advised that the entry fee was £10.

08/205 It was resolved that the £10 fee be paid for entry.

13. COUNCIL DIARY

(to be updated)

14. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 28 May 09 at 7.45pm in Elswick & District VH. This would be the Annual Parish Assembly following by the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Signed: **Chairman** **Date**