

ELSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on

Thursday 27 August 2009 in Elswick and District Village Hall commencing at 7.45 pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Rowe (Chair), Hayhurst, Taylor, Emmington, James, Chedd and Molloy. In attendance K Coleman (Clerk) and 1 resident.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Nil.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – Cllr Rowe declared an interest in item 12(v) on the agenda.

3. MINUTES – Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (23.07.09) and the Special Meeting (20.08.09) were read, approved and signed as a correct record with amendments as recorded.

4. POLICE

i) Youth Nuisance - Sgt Helen Ford and PCSO Annette Begg attended as Police Representatives and the problems with youth nuisance were discussed. It was suggested that the police apply a high profile approach to problems and that issues be logged/any consistent offenders be given youth referrals after the appropriate number of warnings. The enforcement of byelaws was discussed and it was confirmed that the Police would take action to enforce current byelaws, but Sgt Ford advised that advice from Borough Council needed to be taken to check who was responsible for enforcing byelaws relating to dogs.

ii) Area Policing Strategy – Sgt Ford confirmed that no amalgamation of police resource was planned between the local area and Staining and she confirmed that the recent personnel changes would not affect the time spent policing the local area.

iii) Update – a report on the incidents in the area was given and the meeting advised that the incidents had been quite minor. There was a reminder about securing vehicles and ensuring vehicle keys were stored in a safe place.

5. MATTERS ARISING

i) Openreach Claim – The meeting was advised that further correspondence had been received on this claim and was being handled by the Council's insurers.

ii) Income Bond – it was reported that on reinvestment of the funds the interest rate for a period of 6 months was confirmed at 0.45%.

ii) Asset Register – it was reported that checks with other Town/Parish Councils had taken place and it had been confirmed that Village Hall Car Parks were included on the asset register but shown as a nominal value as they were for the use of the local people.

09/57 It was resolved to proceed to include the VH car park on the register and show as a nominal value.

iv) Financial Regulations – at the July meeting it had been resolved to review at a future meeting. It was decided that a working party be formed to review the regulations – to be held on 10th September 2009 at 7.45pm.

6. PLANNING

i) FBC Decisions

(a) 09/0362 – Land to rear of Osbourne House, High Street, Elswick – proposed new dwelling – refused.

ii) Items for Consideration

(a) 09/0517 – Erection of 1st floor extension over existing garage – 41 Larbreck Avenue, Elswick PR4 3ZL

09/58 It was resolved that Fylde Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council do not in principle object to the application but are concerned about the loss of privacy to neighbours should the development proceed. Clerk to respond.

6. FINANCE

i) Expenditure to be resolved

DATE	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS OF PAYMENT	CHEQ NO.	NET PAYMENTS	VAT	TOTAL PAYMENTS
30.07.09	G Hall	Mowing (July)	SO	£275.00		£275.00
12.08.09	Eon	Monthly Charge	DD	£109.52	£5.48	£115.00
31.07.09	H S Dransfield	Skip Hire EPC58	100246	£90.00	£13.50	£103.50
27.08.09	K A Coleman	August Salary	100247	£252.00		£252.00
27.08.09	G A Thornley	August Salary	100248	£230.72		£230.72
27.08.09	K A Coleman	Expenses	100249	£102.23	£11.56	£113.79

27.08.09	PAYE	June £21/July £21/Aug £63	100250	£105.00		£105.00
27.08.09	A W Atkinson	Mowing	100251	£360.00		£360.00
27.08.09	A W Atkinson	Mowing	100252	£360.00		£360.00
27.08.09	G Thornley	Balance of Watering	100253	£33.75		£33.75
27.08.09	G Thornley	Expenses Disl £50.05 miles £12.80- other £14.90	100254	£68.89	£8.86	£77.75
27.08.09	G Thornley	Mowing	100255	£370.00		£370.00
27.08.09	R Taylor	Vouchers for Britain in Bloom comp	100256	£160.00		£160.00
27.08.09	Emmington Elect	Compactor Sacks	100257	£24.00	£3.60	£27.60
				£2,561.11	£43.00	£2,604.11

09/59 It was resolved that all the above accounts are to be paid and that the invoice for cheque number 100255 be amended to show £40/cut for village mowing (total from £390-£370).

ii) Income to be acknowledged

DATE	PAYMENT FROM	DETAILS OF PAYMENT	METHOD	NET PAYMENTS	VAT	TOTAL PAYMENTS
21.08.09	MUGA	Cash £140		£140.00		£140.00

09/60 It was resolved that the above income be acknowledged and paid into the Bank where applicable.

iii) Budget Review

09/61 It was resolved that this item be discussed by the working party on 10th September 2009.

8. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hayhurst reported that it had been agreed that grass cutting within the 30mph areas of another Parish would be funded by Lancashire County Council.

09/62 It was resolved that Elswick write to LCC requesting the same. Clerk to arrange.

9. LEISURE AND AMENTITIES

i) Youth Club Use of MUGA – it was reported to the meeting that the Youth Club had requested 2 charges to be removed from an invoice due to a double booking. The Youth Club organisers were also asking for confirmation of the hourly rates.

09/63 It was resolved that the 2 charges be removed from the invoice on the understanding that in future they should immediately advise the problem to the Parish Council. It was also resolved that the MUGA rates be reviewed by the working party on 10th September 2009.

10. OPEN SPACES

i) Green Flag Status

09/64 It was resolved to invite Mark Wilde from FBC to the next Parish Council meeting – Clerk to contact.

11. MAINTENANCE WORK

i) Fencing Tender

09/65 It was resolved that this be discussed with Mark Wilde when he attends a Parish Council meeting.

ii) Village Inspection Report – a copy had been emailed to all Councillors.

09/66 It was resolved that this be reviewed at the next meeting.

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

i) Consultation of the draft NW Partial Review of the Regional Spatial Strategy – the Council had been asked to consider the report and confirm if comments to be made.

09/67 It was resolved to circulate the report for members to review.

ii) Temporary Road Closure – Lodge Lane – members were informed of this closure between 23rd November – 7th December 2009.

09/68 It was resolved that no further action was necessary.

iii) Fylde Borough Council Draft Gambling Policy – members had been asked to review the draft document and confirm if comments are to be made

09/69 It was resolved that no further action was necessary

iv) Governance Review of Town and Parish Council

09/70 It was resolved that the Council be represented at the forthcoming meetings.

v) Additional member to the Standards Committee – the Council had been asked to vote for their preferred candidate.

09/71 It was resolved to be Cllr John Rowe.

12. COUNCIL DIARY

09/72 It was resolved that an updated diary be discussed by the working party on 10th September 2009.

13. STAFFING MATTERS

09/73 It was resolved due to confidentiality the Council go into Committee for this item only.

A letter of resignation had been received from an employee and it was proposed that the Chairman write to the employee acknowledging the resignation and thanking for hard work.

09/74 It was resolved to proceed as above.

14. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 24 September 09 at 7.45pm in Elswick & District VH.

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

ELSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on

Thursday 20 August 2009 at The Council Offices at 8.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Chedd (Chair), Hayhurst, James, Taylor, Emmington and Molloy.

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Under item 3 Interests were declared on plots of land as follows:-

EL9 – Cllr Malloy

EL10 – Cllrs Hayhurst and Molloy

EL13 – Cllrs Taylor and Emmington

2. STAFFING MATTERS

Resolved – due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed the Council went into Committee for item 2 only.

3. FYLDE BOROUGH COUNCIL - SHLAA

Resolved - a response to the consultation letter received from FBC was prepared as attached.

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