

LEA & COTTAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH HALL, BLACKPOOL ROAD, LEA, PRESTON AT 7.30 PM on MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2008

PRESENT: Cllrs L Talbot (Chairman) M Clegg, P Oliver, N Ward, J Coward, T Hart, V Clarke, D Lambert. S Edwards, P Jones & H Noble

7 Members of the public were present.

74/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs V Clarke, P Helvin & A Dickinson.

75/08 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

None

76/08 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 30th June 2008 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

77/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion

Residents updated the meeting concerning bus route 87. A representative from Preston Bus had attended the Western Area Forum to explain the reason for the withdrawal of the service. Residents did not feel that the explanation was satisfactory and are continuing their representation to have an improvement to what are now considered inadequate public transport facilities for that area. This is supported by the local Preston City Ward Councillors and the issue has been introduced as an urgent item to the next Lancashire Locals meeting to be held shortly.

Members were advised that a planning application for a new housing development in the Thirlmere Rd area near to Baytree Farm had been deferred for highways issues. Whilst this application is outside the Parish boundaries the information has been noted since such a development if approved would most likely affect this Parish.

Mention was made that St Christopher's Church were looking to raise funds for work to be done on their windows and that an approach would likely be made to the Parish Council for funding assistance.

Jo-Anne Freeman (County Fire Safety Officer) had been invited to make a presentation concerning fire safety. She briefly explained the structure of the Fire and Rescue service as it is now called and advised that nowadays their role involved more rescue work than attending fires. The service was not simply a response service although this was still a major part of their role but also undertook advisory and prevention work by undertaking Fire safety Checks in peoples homes. She herself is responsible for advising the over 55's and her colleagues deal with other groups including the under 18's. Jo-Anne displayed some of the gadgets that are now provided free of charge by the Service including smoke alarms, message in a bottle kits, block adaptors and red caps. Visits to resident homes are not just about smoke alarms but also general fire safety checks and advice something which it is felt is very important in fire prevention especially for the elderly and infirm. Leaflets were distributed to members for further information including contact details.

The meeting was re-convened

78/08 FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was resolved that the following payments should be approved

CHQ NUMBER	PAYEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
500470	ST CHRISTOPHERS CHURCH	ROOM HIRE - JUNE	25.00
500471	GREENWOOD GARDEN SERVICES	LENGTHSMAN & MATERIALS	667.00
500472	GREENWOOD GARDEN SERVICES	LENGTHSMAN & MATERIALS	549.49
500473	LANCS TRAINING PARTNERSHIP	NEW CLLRS COURSE	60.00
500474	ST CHRISTOPHERS CHURCH	ROOM HIRE - SEPTEMBER	25.00

79/08 FINANCIAL STATEMENT 30TH JUNE 2008

It was resolved that the Financial Statement as at the 30th June 2008 should be approved

80/08 STANDING ORDERS

Members had been asked to consider and adopt a revised set of Standing Orders which had been updated as explained in a report from the Clerk.

It was resolved that the revised Standing Orders should be approved.

81/08 TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Members had been asked to consider nomination(s) for the Chairmanship Workshop which is to be held on the 15th October 2008 at a cost of £20.00 per person and also the Planning Workshop to be held on the 28th October 2008 also at a cost of £20.00 per person.

It was resolved that Cllr Clegg should attend the Chairmanship Workshop as detailed above

82/08 INTERIM PLANNING STATEMENT 5 – HOUSING PROVISION IN PRESTON PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Members had been asked to consider the Draft Statement and decide what comments if any should be forwarded to Preston City Council Planning Policy Dept.

It was resolved that the Statement be noted and that no comments need be made.

83/08 BT PAYPHONES

Members had been asked to consider documents regarding the proposal to remove the payphone from Sidgreaves Lane PR4 0RD.

It was resolved that the documents should be noted and that no comments need be made.

84/08 CPRE

It was resolved that payment of £28.00 should be made to CPRE representing the subscription for this Parish Council for 2008.

85/08 JUBILEE ACTION GROUP

Members had been asked to nominate one member who was willing to become a Trustee for the above mentioned group which is being formed with a view to eventually acting as the umbrella organisation for funding applications relating to proposals for a MUGA and possibly also a youth shelter within the Parish. (Please note that as a Trustee the nominated member will not be acting as a Representative of the Council but directly in the interests of the Action Group)

It was resolved that Cllr Lambert should be nominated as above.

86/08 PARISH PLANS

Members had been asked to discuss and consider whether it might be appropriate for this Parish Council to facilitate the creation of a Parish Plan.

Information had sent out in the Clerks report dated July 2008 together with an example plan from another local parish council which might be pertinent to the discussion.

A document explaining the basic concept of such plans provided by Community Futures was also enclosed.

Gill Ashall from Community Futures had also indicated that she would be willing to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss Parish Plans if so requested.

It was resolved that this Council considered that it might be appropriate for this Parish Council to facilitate the creation of a Parish Plan, that Gill Ashall from Community Futures should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council to provide additional information concerning Parish Plans and that Preston City Council should be advised that this Parish Council was now looking at the feasibility of facilitating the production of such a plan.

87/06 DONATION TO 2ND LEA SCOUT GROUP

Members had been asked to consider a Suggested £100 donation to the above group as a contribution towards the good work they do in the area of Lea.

It was resolved that a donation of £100.00 under S137 LGA 1972 should be made to the 2nd Lea Scout Group.

88/06 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday the 13th October 2008