

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 6TH APRIL 2009

PRESENT: Cllrs Butler, Helvin, Ward, Dickinson, Jones, Lambert, Oliver & Noble

Cllr Butler was elected to take the Chair due to the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

3 Members of the public were present.

28/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Hart, Clegg, Coward & Talbot

Members had already been notified of the resignation of Cllr Edwards. Statutory Notices had been published.

Notice had also been received that a bye election had been called by members of the electorate in respect of South Ward and this will held on the 4th June 2009 provided there are two or more nominations submitted for the vacant seat.

29/09 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

None

30/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd February 2009 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

31/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rosie Green who is part of Preston City Council Community Involvement Team introduced herself as the team's representative for this area. She briefly outlined her role which is to engage with local residents and become involved with local affairs and she offered to assist and support the Parish Council wherever possible.

32/09 FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was resolved that the below mentioned payments should be approved.

CHQ NUMBER	PAYEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
500512	ADEN TUDOR	REPLACEMENT SIGNS MILLER GREEN	46.00
500513	ST CHRISTOPHERS	ROOM HIRE FEBRUARY	25.00
500514	GREENWOOD GARDEN SERVICES	LENGTHSMAN	986.68
500515	PRINTING WORLD	NEWSLETTER MARCH	245.00
500516	VIKING DIRECT	STATIONERY	54.00
500517	GREENWOOD GARDEN SERVICES	LENGTHSMAN	1116.96
500518	W V MCWHITTLE	SALARY & EXPENSES 4 TH QUARTER Salary – 2262.71 Allowance – 125.00 Tel/Internet – 46.86 Mileage – 129.85 Notice Board Keys – 11.20	2575.62
500519	INLAND REVENUE	TAX DEDUCTED & NAT INS	1017.82
500520	LONGTON PC	PHOTO COPYING	35.84
500521	PRESTON CC	CHRISTMAS TREE	1408.75
500522	PRESTON CC	BULBS	363.52

33/09 CLERKS CONTRACT AND SALARY 2009/10

In accordance with the Clerk's Contract of Employment points 6.2 & 7.0 and subject to satisfactory performance the Clerk's salary is due to rise to point 28 on the NJC pay scales with effect from 1st April 2009. A provision has been made in the 2009/10 budget calculations. This will be the final annual scale increase applicable under the present contract.

It was resolved the scale increase should be approved.

34/09 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS 2009/2010

It was resolved that the subscription payments to LALC and the Local Council Review at a total cost of £551.73 (last year £525.02) should be approved.

35/09 BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES

It was resolved that Cllrs Ward, Jones, Dickinson, Lambert and Butler should be added to the Bank Account signatory list.

36/09 NOISE NUISANCE (INFORMATION ONLY)

Cllr Dickinson advised the Council that issues still existed with regard to the level of noise emanating from Trax. A recent meeting had taken place involving local residents, City Cllr Abram and George Holroyd (Environmental Health Preston City Council) to look again at the issues raised. The whole issue of noise had been raised and investigated on a number of occasions in the past and a ruling made by Preston City Council that whilst the noise levels were acknowledged to be a disturbance to some residents the level of noise was not sufficient to justify statutory action under noise nuisance regulations and therefore no action could be taken. Residents have suggested that previous monitoring was not done at the correct times and it was also felt by residents that the issue could be resolved simply by silencing the bikes however the Trax owner was adamant that this would adversely affect the performance of the machines and that whilst he may be able to silence his own he could not in any case do the same to visiting bikes. He also claimed that much of the offending noise came from the unlawful use of some nearby land by casual riders although this has never been substantiated. George Holroyd had promised to look again at the issues, undertake further monitoring and meet with the owner of Trax. At the time of this meeting none of these things had yet been done. Cllr Dickinson will keep the Council informed

37/09 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday the 18th May 2009 and will be the APCM. It will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.00pm