

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 29TH JUNE 2009

PRESENT: Cllrs Clegg (Chairman) Butler, Helvin, Ward, Lambert, Oliver, Talbot, Coward & Jones

4 Members of the public were present.

55/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Hart, Dickinson & Noble

56/09 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs Butler and Lambert both declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 10 on the agenda relating to a financial contribution to the Jubilee Action Group since they are both Trustees of the Jubilee Action Group. Cllr Butler made a representation in favour of a financial contribution during public participation under paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct. Both councillors left the room during the debate and voting on this item.

The Clerk advised members that he also was a Trustee of the Jubilee Action Group. Since the Code of Conduct does not apply to the officials of the Council he was able to remain present during the debate and voting thereon.

57/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May 2009 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

58/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public participation.

A representation was made supporting a financial contribution to the Jubilee Action Group to assist with improvements to the local recreation ground adjacent to Sheffield Drive which included a brief history of the project, the establishment of the Jubilee Action Group and the need for youth facilities in this area.

The local police representative present also spoke in favour of the project indicating that at present youths had to play football in the street due to the very poor and often dangerous condition of the recreation ground indicating that he thought that the proposed football pitch would alleviate some of the issues arising from the present lack of facilities.

Similar views were also put forward by the Lancashire County Councillor present and an official of the Preston CC Community engagement team.

It was mentioned that funding for the recreation ground project might also be available from the Lancashire Playing Fields Association of whom this Council was a member.

It was noted that the Jubilee Action Group are also involved with other activities to support the local community including hopefully an event later in the year for senior citizens.

The police representative present was unable to provide any information concerning recent tree vandalism in Cottam. This issue will be raised by the Council representative at the next PACT meeting.

It was mentioned that the proposed meeting for the 6th July 2009 concerning the future of Area Forums had been cancelled but that a new date was to be arranged.

Speeding in the area was also mentioned and the Clerk is to provide some details of the SPID recordings to the LCC Councillor present. Members were also asked to forward to the LCC Councillor details of any areas of concern.

The meeting was reconvened

59/09 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

500532	Greenwood Garden Services	Lengthsman	960.00
500533	Printing World	Newsletter & Annual Report June 2009	425.00
500534	Greenwood Garden Services	Lengthsman	940.40
500535	W V McEnerney - Whittle	Salary and Expenses (March to June 2009)	2749.03
500536	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI Deductions (March to June 2009)	1065.36

60/09 PLANNING APPLICATION

Planning application 2009/0357 relating to the erection of a stable block and construction of a new vehicle access with associated track, hard standing and car parking @ Field Number 3700 (Grid Ref 483309) Darkinson Lane Lea Town Preston including closure of existing vehicular access being a re-submission of planning application 2008/0839 for which planning permission was refused was considered.

It was resolved that representation should be made to the above application indicating that this Council had some concerns with regard to the access to the site particularly with regard to parking provision which seemed small and might lead to vehicles being parked dangerously on Darkinson Lane which is a narrow country road and that this Council would advocate the provision of more parking within the site boundaries.

61/09 LALC AGM 7th NOVEMBER 2009

It was resolved that Cllr Oliver and Helvin should be appointed the voting representatives to attend the LALC 65th AGM on Saturday 7th November 2009.

62/09 DONATION TO 2ND LEA SCOUT GROUP

It was resolved that a donation of £125.00 should be made to the 2nd Lea Scout Group to cover the cost of an entertainer to be provided at their Summer Fun Day on Saturday 11th July 2009 which will celebrate their 60th year in scouting.

63/09 SALWICK CLUB

Members noted a report concerning the future of Salwick Club which had previously been circulated. The club closed in February of this year and is now likely to be purchased by F2 Chemicals Ltd and become part of their existing facilities. A 3 metre fence is likely to be erected.

64/09 JUBILEE ACTION GROUP

Members had been asked to consider a donation/contribution to the Jubilee Action Group of £1000.00 in support of their plans for the establishment of a football facility to be created on the recreation ground adjacent to Sheffield Drive. Members were provided with full details of the project at the meeting and noted that estimates for the improvement of the recreation ground including football pitch, goalposts, barriers, the levelling of the ground, notice board, improvements to surrounding area and benching were originally received at a cost of approx £8000. The Action Group needed to obtain funding which is now being considered however in order to progress the project and establish the football field and immediate surrounds it had been considered prudent to stage the works and seek to achieve the immediate requirements of pitch, goalposts, and the tidying of the surrounding area as matter of urgency. These reduced works will cost £3000.00 and the donation requested will go toward these costs the remainder being sought from other funding sources.

It was resolved that a financial contribution of £1000.00 should be given to the Jubilee Action Group in order to assist with the project outlined above.

65/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 7th September 2009