

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 7TH SEPTEMBER 2009

PRESENT: Cllrs Clegg (Chairman) Butler, Lambert, Oliver, Hardcastle, Coward, Hart, Noble & Jones

2 Members of the public were present.

66/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dickinson, Ward and Helvin.

Cllr Dickinson requested that the reason for his absence which was due to continuing ill health be approved.

It was resolved that Cllr Dickinson's reason for absence should be approved.

67/09 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Hart declared a personal interest in item 12 on the agenda relating to the request from Harris Cricket Club to use Miller Green as its home cricket ground since he felt that as a City Councillor he might have involvement in the future with local residents concerning the request and felt it appropriate not to take part in the debate or voting on this issue at this meeting.

68/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th June 2009 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

69/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public participation.

Members were advised that agreement had been reached whereby an educational speed indicator device was to be placed on the Western Approach of Blackpool Rd pending further discussions concerning works to narrow the road width on the approach into the Parish emanating from concerns regarding excessive traffic speeds in that area.

Signal modifications are to be introduced at the Lea Rd / Blackpool Rd junction in the interest of road safety.

Some road /access improvements are expected on Lea Rd as a result of the development of Westleigh as the new conference facility for UCLAN. It was suggested that a more appropriate access to Westleigh should be via Tom Benson Way using the access through the sports arena so as to reduce as far as possible additional traffic on Lea Rd.

In response to comments concerning open space maintenance it was indicated that the Parish Council might be interested in discussing with the principal authorities ways in which improvements to areas within the Parish might be achieved.

The meeting was reconvened

70/09 PLANNING APPLICATION

2009/0499 relating to the development of the former Cottam Brickworks involving the erection of a retail super store, petrol filling station with associated parking, local nature reserve and marina together with outline permission for 205 residential units, offices and restaurant/public house.

It was resolved that whilst this Council in principle supported the application it also supported resident concerns/suggestions relating to:

- **Access and increased traffic which it was thought would cause local traffic bottlenecks**
- **Overflow parking in the local area to the detriment of local residents and their amenity**
- **The need to provide additional road crossing facilities**
- **The creation of a new and separate access or widening of the existing roadway to accommodate the increased traffic generated by the development.**

71/09 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

500537	2 nd Lea Scout Group	Donation re Cost of Entertainer 60 th Birthday	125.00
500538	Greenwood Gardening Services	Lengthsman	1194.99
500539	Preston City Council	Election Costs	1340.63
500540	Preston City Council	Lea Town Hanging Baskets	534.75
500541	Greenwood Gardening Services	Lengthsman	840.00
500542	BDO	External Audit	327.75
500543	T Fattorini	Gilt Bar for Chairman's Chain	39.41
500544	Jubilee Action Group	Donation re Recreation Ground Improvements	1000.00
500545	Viking Direct	Stationery	154.99
500546	CPRE	Subscription	29.00
500547	W V McEnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses (July August September)	2580.95
500548	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI (July August September)	1049.48

72/09 ANNUAL RETURN

It was resolved that the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2009 should be approved.

73/09 ADVERTISING BOARD

Members had been asked to consider the purchase of an advertising board (Metal A type) at a cost of £65.00 to be used by the lengthsman when undertaking low level maintenance in the parish to publicise that the Parish Council are undertaking the works and hence improve the Council's profile

It was resolved that the above mentioned Advertising Board should be purchased.

74/09 DONATION TO PRESTON BREATHE EASY

It was resolved that a donation of £30.00 should be made to Preston Breathe Easy to cover the stationery costs of producing their newsletter for a period of six months

75/09 LALC CONFERENCE

No members indicated a wish to attend the above mentioned Conference.

76/09 COTTAM BROADBAND

Members has been asked to consider the motion that this Council contact BT and ask that in the light of the poor quality of its copper network in the Cottam area that it considers this area to be included in the forthcoming upgrades to 'Fibre to the Cabinet'

It was resolved that an appropriate request as outlined above should be sent.

77/09 HARRIS CRICKET CLUB

Members had been asked to consider a request from Harris Park Cricket Club that this Council allow them to utilise Miller Green as their home cricket ground and undertake such ground works as required to bring the ground to a playable standard and further develop the ground by providing suitable provision for equipment storage and changing facilities in the future.

It was resolved that in principle this Parish Council supported the suggestion of allowing Harris Cricket Club to use Miller Green as its home ground and develop facilities thereon subject to:

- **Confirmation from the Council's solicitors that there are no covenants restricting such a development including the erection of appropriate buildings to be used as support facilities**

- **Confirmation from Preston City Council planning dept that the proposals would not require any 'change of use'**
- **Consultation with locally affected residents.**

78/09 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO 30TH JUNE 2009

It was resolved that the Statement of Accounts to 30th June 2009 as previously circulated should be approved.

79/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 5th October 2009