

## 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 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Clegg (Chairman) Butler, Lambert (arrived part way through the meeting), Oliver, Hardcastle, Noble, Dickinson, Helvin, Ward & Jones

3 Members of the public were present.

### **80/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Hart

### **81/09 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllrs Dickinson, Oliver and Butler declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 8 on the agenda relating to donations to the local primary schools due to their involvement with Lea Community Primary School as School Governors. They all left the room during the debate and voting on this item.

Cllr Dickinson also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 13 on the agenda relating to an application for co-option due to the applicant being a personal friend of his. He left the room during the debate and voting on this item.

### **82/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

### **83/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public participation.

Following a concern having been raised that an individual had been seen with a gun on the field near to the canal off Lea Rd a resident requested permission to explain the circumstances since it was he who had been identified as the person concerned. He explained that he was training his dogs using a starting gun which did not fire projectiles. He confirmed that he regularly used the field in which he had been seen and that he undertook this training generally at quieter times of day and when there were no other people around. He wanted to assure members that what he was doing was legal and that he had discussed this with police fire arms officer. He understood that concern could be expressed by people not aware of what was going on and reconfirmed that he would always look to fire his pistol as part of his dog training when no one was in the immediate vicinity. He was thanked for his attendance and explanation and whilst it was accepted that he was doing nothing unlawful concerns remained that his actions might be disconcerting and frightening to local residents.

It was confirmed that an attempt to arrange a meeting with the relative authorities and the Parish Council was ongoing with regard to open space maintenance in the parish.

The meeting was reconvened

### **84/09 PLANNING APPLICATION**

Members had been asked to consider LCC planning application 06/09/0659 relating to the alteration and extension to the existing household waste recycling centre operational area and erection of earth retaining structures together with associated amendments to existing moulding profiles and landscaping @ Ingol Household Recycling Centre Tom Benson Way Preston (These proposals were included in the recently submitted hybrid application considered by this council at its last meeting in respect of the development of Cottam Brickworks however the actual permission for the detailed alteration works required to the HWRC needed to be sought via this specific application – a copy of the planning statement had been previously circulated and the plans were available at the meeting.

It was resolved that no further representation should be made.

#### 85/09 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

500549	PRINTING WORLD LTD	NEWSLETTER	245.00
500550	VANS BULBS	BULBS FOR WESTERN APPROACH	303.60
500551	GREENWOOD GARDEN SERVICES	LENGTHSMAN	984.00
500552	PRESTON BREATHE EASY	DONATION LGA S137	30.00
500553	ADEN TUDOR	ADVERTISING BOARD	65.00

#### 86/09 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS / BUDGET REVIEW TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

It was resolved that the Statement of Accounts / Budget Review previously circulated and referred to above should be approved.

#### 87/09 DONATIONS

Members had been asked to consider the following donations:

- To each of the 5 primary schools in the parish. (last year £100.00 each)
- To the Royal British Legion to cover the cost of the wreath for Remembrance Sunday (last year £50.00)

The above to be provided under the Local Government Act 1972 S137.

- To St Mary's Church Lea Town as a contribution to burial ground costs (last year £100)

It was resolved that donations should be made to the above in the same amount as last year apart from those to each of the 5 primary schools which should be increased to £150.00 each.

#### 88/09 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2009

It was resolved that Cllr Clegg should attend the Preston City Council Remembrance Service on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> November and lay the wreath on behalf of Lea and Cottam Parish Council.

#### 89/09 PARISH PLAN

It was resolved that since there had been no response to the article in the last newsletter then no further action should be taken at this time with regard to a Parish Plan.

#### 90/09 MILLER GREEN

Members had been asked to consider further the request from the Harris Cricket Club to utilise Miller Green as its home cricket and whether it was now appropriate to undertake consultation with locally affected people including how and when this might be done.

(A letter from the Councils solicitors was enclosed together with e-mails from Preston City Council planning dept concerning change of use – a further update was provided at the meeting confirming the guidance given in the e-mails from PCC with regard to 'change of use' )

It was resolved that a consultation with locally affected residents should take place as soon as practicable and that this should be by way of a public meeting / presentation by Harris Cricket Club with individual invites being sent to residents in the immediate vicinity of Miller Green irrespective as to whether they lived in Lea and Cottam Parish or Woodplumpton Parish.

It was further resolved that Woodplumpton Parish Council should be advised and that their members be also invited to attend.

**91/09 LCC TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE - 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

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

**92/09 CO-OPTION (COTTAM WARD VACANCY)**

**It was resolved that the application for co-option should at this stage be deferred, that further advertising should be undertaken particularly in the Cottam area since this Council would prefer candidates from the Cottam Ward area in order to maintain a balance of representation on the Council.**

**93/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009