

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 22ND FEBRUARY 2010

PRESENT: Cllrs Helvin, Butler, Hart, Jones, Noble, Oliver, Ward, Clegg & Coward.

3 Members of the public were present.

14/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Hardcastle & Lambert

15/10 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

None

16/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th January 2010 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

17/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rosie Green PCC Community Involvement Worker gave a short presentation concerning Britain in Bloom. This is something Preston City Council has been involved with for a number of years. They are looking to extend involvement this year. It is in effect a horticultural competition designed to encourage community involvement in projects to improve local areas and the environment. Local groups are encouraged to identify areas for improvement and become actively involved with the work to be undertaken supported by the Wildlife Trust and Preston CC who can assist with design and possible funding.

It was mentioned that Paul Dunn from LCC will be meeting with members of the Jubilee Action Group shortly to discuss parking arrangements on Sheffield Drive. An opportunity will also be taken to look at the potential for parking arrangements on Blackpool Road in conjunction with the likely creation of a single lane for part of Blackpool Rd at the approach and entrance to the parish.

It was suggested that double yellow lines should be placed on Lea Rd and attention given to speeding traffic. It was confirmed that LCC are looking into complaints with regard to parked vehicles and speeding traffic. County Councillor Young – Cabinet Member Highways is to be invited to a future Parish Council meeting.

It was mentioned that suggestions that the entrance to the UCLAN facilities at Westleigh should be by a route other than Lea Rd itself are still being discussed however nothing has yet been decided with regard to suggested viable alternatives.

18/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members had been asked to consider the following applications

2010/0060 – Erection of 3 detached dwellings (outline proposals) following demolition of existing dwelling @ Iona Miller Lane Cottam Preston PR4 0ND (details enclosed)

2010/0059 – Erection of 1 detached building to provide equipment store and rest room and 1 detached block midden @ Field No 7625 Darkinson Lane Lea Town (details enclosed)

It was resolved that representation should be made as follows:

2010/0060 – That this Council object to the development since the proposed 3 dwellings would be an over intensification of dwellings out of keeping with the existing area and therefore causing a detrimental effect to both visual and neighbourhood amenity. A reduced development of only 2 dwellings is considered more appropriate.

2010/0059 – That this Council object to the development since the addition of further buildings would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area in what is a rural location and that permission would increase the size of development at this location something which was considered in past planning applications and refused initially by Preston CC and although overturned at appeal was reduced and limited in terms of total capacity.

19/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

CHQ NUMBER	PAYEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
500572	ST ANDREWS CHURCH	ROOM HIRE	50.00
500573	SLCC	PRACTITIONERS CONFERENCE	99.12
500574	LANCS PFA	SUBSCRIPTION	15.00
500575	VIKING DIRECT	STATIONERY	137.23
500576	GREENWOOD GARDEN SERVICES	LENGTHSMAN	936.98
500577	T COLE SOLUTIONS	DOMAIN NAME HOSTING	23.50

20/10 INTERNAL AUDIT

It was resolved that the under mentioned documents which had previously been circulated should be approved.

- The Councils Risk Management Policy Statement 2010
- The Councils Risk Management Register 2010
- The Councils Asset Register 2010
- The Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control 2010

21/10 SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION PART OF BLACKPOOL ROAD

Members had been asked to consider the proposal to extend the length of the 30mph speed limit area by 50 metres towards the West of the existing speed limit boundary as outlined in the papers previously circulated.

It was resolved that this Council approve and welcome the proposals but would suggest however that a reduced speed limit should operate from the parish boundary in the vicinity of Lea Gate Hotel and that it should be staggered from 50mph through 40mph and then finally 30mph at the existing proposed location.

22/10 DOG CONTROL ORDERS

Members had been asked to consider explanation papers which had previously been circulated and formulate a reply to the questionnaire which was also attached.

It was resolved that this Council supported the introduction of dog control orders as follows:

- That it should be an offence not to remove dog faeces throughout the whole city
- That it should be an offence to allow dogs into enclosed children's playgrounds, children's play areas, specific areas of country parks where wildlife could be affected and school grounds.
- That it should be an offence (if dogs not banned completely as above) to have a dog off lead in enclosed children's playgrounds, children's play areas, specific areas of country parks where wildlife could be affected, school grounds and in addition on all roads and highways
- That it should be an offence not to put a dog on a lead when requested to do so by an a Authorised Officer throughout the whole city
- That 'Authorised Officers' should include Park Rangers, Litter Enforcement Officers, Police Community Support Officers and the Police.
- That no view be expressed concerning the proposed offence of having more than a certain number of dogs under the control of one individual person
- That the Fixed Penalty Notice should be set at £80 but that this should be reduced to £50 for early settlement within say 10 days.

23/10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday the 12 April 2010