

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 12TH APRIL 2010

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

7 Members of the public were present.

24/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Hardcastle & Coward

25/10 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

None

26/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd February 2010 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

27/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned

A member of LCC Environment Team gave a short presentation concerning possible enhancements to Miller Green as outlined in a plan which had previously been circulated as a starter plan for discussion and amendment as necessary. It was noted that arrangements were being considered for the establishment of a 'Friends of Miller Green' group and that an initial meeting is currently being planned to discuss setting up such a group who might then wish to be involved with the future use of Miller Green. It was indicated that the LCC Environment Team would be able to assist with identifying and applying for any funding associated with any agreed enhancements. It was suggested that the Parish Council should support resident wishes with regard to any future enhancements however mention was also made that this should involve all residents of the parish since the land was owned by the Parish Council and was for the benefit of all residents who contributed to its upkeep. Indications had been received that a number of residents were interested in creating the aforementioned group and that there was a feeling that it must remain an open space with potentially additional planting improvements to improve the visual aspect of the area and protect it from unwanted development. It was suggested that any plans would need to be considered on a parish wide basis.

Residents present raised the issue of the state of the roads around the Hawthorne Crescent area. Numerous complaints had been made to the Highways Authority with regard to pot holes and sunken road areas however whilst accepting the poor state of the roads in that area LCC had seemingly done little but temporarily fill identified pot holes. A meeting is to be arranged between the local County Cllr and residents on site to look at and seek appropriate solutions.

The meeting was reconvened

28/10 MILLER GREEN

Members had been asked to consider whether and if so how they might wish to proceed with the enhancement of Miller Green following the presentation which had taken place during public participation.

It was resolved that the 'Friends of Miller Green Group' when formed should be allowed to consider potential improvements to Miller Green and come back to the Parish Council in due course with suggestions for consideration and potential wider consultation.

29/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members had been asked to consider the following application

2010/0162 - Construction of external timber shelter with polycarbonate roof and galvanised fencing to perimeter of existing playground including 3 pedestrian gates and 2 maintenance gates to the north west side of existing school buildings @ Lea St Mary's RC Primary School Lea Town

It was resolved that representation should be made concerning the possible impact on neighbour amenity due to the location of the proposed development by asking that every effort be made to ensure appropriate conditions were applied to protect the privacy of neighbouring properties and that full consultation was undertaken and any comments fully considered before determination of the application.

30/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

CHQ NUMBER	PAYEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
500578	PRESTON CITY COUNCIL	CHRISTMAS TREES 2009	4025.00
500579	GREENWOOD GARDEN SERVICES	LENGTHSMAN	888.00
500580	GREENWOOD GARDEN SERVICES	LENGTHSMAN FINAL PYT 2009/10 CONTRACT	888.00
500581	PRINTING WORLD	NEWSLETTER	245.00
500582	W V MCWHITTLE	CLERKS SALARY & EXPENSES 4 TH QTR	2783.03
500583	INLAND REVENUE	TAX / NI 4 TH QTR	1063.41
500584	INFORMATION COMMISSIONER	DATA PROTECTION RENEWAL	35.00

31/10 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

It was resolved that the subscription payments to LALC including the Local Council Review at a total cost of £570.69 (last year £551.73) should be approved.

32/10 LEA GALA 2010

Cllrs Hart as Headteacher and Cllrs Butler & Oliver as Governors of Lea Community School disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest in the next item on the agenda and left the room during the debate and voting on this particular item.

Members had been asked to consider sponsorship of a competition to involve the children of Lea Community School on the lines of that undertaken last year in support of Lea Gala which will once again be hosted by Lea Community School

It was resolved that sponsorship of a competition similar to last year should be approved and that details should be agreed with Lea Community School by the Clerk to the Parish Council

33/10 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND REPORT 31ST MARCH 2010

It was resolved that the Financial Statement and Report as at the 31st March 2010 which had been previously circulated should be approved.

34/10 CO-OPTION APPLICATION

Members had been asked to consider two applications for co-option to this Council to fill the two vacancies in Cottam Ward.

It was resolved that Avril Roulston and Brian Broadley should be co-opted to this Council to fill the two Cottam Ward vacancies.

35/10 TRAINING

Members had been asked to consider attendance on training courses as outlined in papers which had previously been circulated.

It was resolved that a suggestion should be made to the two newly co-opted Councillors (minute 34/10) that they attend the next New Councillors course that becomes available.

36/10 CHRISTMAS TREE – LEA TOWN 2010

Estimates had been received and details had been previously circulated concerning the establishment of a Christmas tree in Lea Town later this year covering two potential sites.

It was resolved that the chosen site should be in the grounds St Mary's Church Lea Town and that the electricity connection should be made via the existing church facilities at a provisional cost of £3590.00 plus a further estimated £50.00 by way of contribution to electricity costs.

37/10 NEWSLETTERS

Members are asked to discuss possible content and consider submitting articles to the Clerk for inclusion in the quarterly newsletters.

It was resolved that every opportunity should be taken to publish Parish Council activities, that members should actively seek to submit suggested articles to the Clerk for publication, that each local primary school should also be invited to submit articles and that 'last copy dates' should be advised to all members to assist with their commitment to supply suggested articles for publication.

38/10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday the 17th May 2010 and will be the APCM. It will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.00pm