

## **ELSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on

Thursday 26 June 2008 in Elswick and District Village Hall commencing at 7.45pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Rowe (Chair), Chedd, Hayhurst, James, Molloy and Taylor. In attendance Mrs Elvy (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Emmington.

### **1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**2. MINUTES** – of the Ordinary Meeting (22.5.08) were read, approved and signed as a correct record with the addition of the phrase “at this time” added to the final sentence of item 14i.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

Nil.

### **4. PLANNING**

#### **i) FBC Decisions:**

- a) 08/0300 Land to Rear of Osbourne House – Erection of 2 storey dwelling – REFUSED.
- b) 08/0330 Southview, 1 Grange Road – Erection of conservatory to side – REFUSED.
- c) 08/0275 1 South View, High Street – Erection of replacement rear single storey kitchen extension – GRANTED.
- d) 08/0117 Brenmar, Lodge Lane – Erection of 2 storey side extension and single rear extension – GRANTED.

#### **ii) Items for Consideration:**

- a) 08/0491 Barndale, Copp Lane, Elswick – Proposed conservatory to rear of dwelling –

**08/39 Resolved: No comment on the proposal.**

#### **iii) Appeals**

- a) 08/0140 1 Ronwood Close – Retrospective erection of boundary fence previously refused –

**08/40 Resolved: No additional comment.**

### **5. LEISURE AND AMENITIES**

#### **i) Playground Refurbishment**

An invoice has been forwarded to the Council for tree felling. This will be sent to Wicksteed. Discussion has taken place regarding the identified grass areas as these are of poor quality. Wicksteed will dress and seed the area but unfortunately this will require closing the playground temporarily. Comments had been received from residents regarding the provision of bucket swings for toddlers. Health and safety does not allow a mixture of swing types on the same frame. A bucket swing will be considered but will require additional work on the area. Due to excessive littering a bin has been moved inside the fenced area. The signage (resolution 08/35) has been ordered.

#### **ii) Larbreck Avenue Playground**

A resident reported that the problems are ongoing and requested that Bylaw 5 Erection of Structures be enforced. It was agreed that Cllrs Rowe and Molloy would discuss this matter further with the owners of the football goal.

**08/41 Resolved: Residents backing onto the field may plant quick growing trees, in line with the current tree line, behind their property in an attempt to reduce the problems.**

**08/42 Resolved: The Tree Protection Officer at FBC will be requested to examine a cherry tree to the rear of 32 Larbreck Avenue as the residents are concerned it is diseased.**

### **6. FINANCE**

#### **i) Expenditure to be resolved**

<b>Date</b>	<b>To Whom</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
13.6.08	Eon	Electricity Supplier	D Debit	118.30	20.70	139.00
26.6.08	FH & M Davies	Summer Planting (inv 04033)	100091	2031.10	355.44	2386.54
26.6.08	V Elvy	Wages	100092	115.35	0.00	115.35
26.6.08	HMRC	NI/Tax contribution	100093	28.80	0.00	28.80
26.6.08	G Thornley	Wages	100094	270.38	0.00	270.38
26.6.08	V Elvy	Expenses/Reimbursement	100095	44.65	3.45	48.10
26.6.08	A Atkinson	Summer bedding work/mowing	100096	2130.31	8.19	2138.50
26.6.08	G Thornley	Expenses	100097	87.31	11.91	99.22
26.6.08	G Thornley	Mowing and watering	100098	692.97	0.00	692.97
26.6.08	HS Dransfield	Skip (EPC49)	100099	90.00	15.75	105.75
26.6.08	Fred Moor	Website Design and Build	100100	880.00	0.00	880.00

26.6.08	P Hayhurst	Reimbursement of House to ection Badges (Licence No.	100101	8.25	1.45	9.70
26.6.08	Elswick VH Committee	Committee Room Hire (Jan-May)	100102	50.00	0.00	50.00
26.6.08	R Taylor	Reimbursement Fylde in Bloom	100103	121.00	0.00	121.10
26.6.08	Elswick VH Committee	Parish Plan Committee Room Hire (allocated funds now spent)	100104	20.00	0.00	20.00
26.6.08	P Hayhurst	Reimbursement Fylde in Bloom	100105	174.00	0.00	174.00
26.6.08	LALC	Subscription/Membership	100106	166.73	0.00	166.73
30.6.08	G Hall	Bowling Green Contract	SOrder	275.00	0.00	275.00

**08/43 Resolved: that these accounts are to be paid.**

ii) Income to be acknowledged

Date	Received from	Reason for Payment	Payment Type	Amount (£)
26.6.08	Various	MUGA hire	Cash	80.00

**08/44 Resolved: Income acknowledged and will be paid into Bank.**

iii) Renewal of High Interest Bond

The Clerk confirmed that the funds had been reinvested at 4.25% and will mature on 4 December 2008.

iv) Internal Audit

The Clerk confirmed that a successful Internal Audit had taken place.

**08/45 Resolved: Completion of Section 4 by Mr Kernohan was acknowledged.**

v) External Audit

**08/46 Resolved: The Council approved Section 1 and Section 2 of the External Audit.**

vi) LALC membership

A copy of the constitution and minutes approving the constitution had been received from LALC.

**08/47 Resolved: To confirm resignation from the LALC indicating the procedure is unreasonable and only pay the minimum subscription of £166.73 for the forthcoming year**

vii) Parish Insurance and Roadsweeper Insurance

The Clerk confirmed that both premiums had been paid and that there was no increase following the re-evaluation of the playground equipment.

viii) Great Eccleston Road Sweeping

**08/48 Resolved: An invoice will be sent for work completed on 23.5.08**

**08/49 Resolved: The Internal Audit Group will review the fuel consumption of the road sweeper as a benchmark.**

## 7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

KPMG have red flagged FBC on the finance section of their report. There has been a report that land for a hostel is being sold under market value. Three Borough Councillors have been reported to the Standards Committee.

## 8. PARISH PLAN

i) New Website

This is now complete and the bill is to be paid (see item 6i).

## 9. OPEN SPACES

i) Breathing Places Grant Application

Unfortunately this application was unsuccessful.

ii) Football Pitch

Michael Jack has contacted the Football Foundation. Cllr Hayhurst will liaise with the FF and report back to the Council.

## 10. AMENITY CLEANSING

See item 6 viii.

## 11. MAINTENANCE WORK

i) Village Inspection

The Inspection Report has been distributed. Work will commence and the Clerk will contact LCC to report items under their jurisdiction.

**08/50 Resolved: Fencing to the rear of the playground is to be replaced (upto the cost of £1000 with approval from the Chairman and Vice-Chair). This will be recharged to the Playground Fund.**

**08/51 Resolved: The Clerk is to contact Mrs Garlick at the Church and request the hedge is cut prior to judging on 16.7.08.**

## 12. HIGHWAYS

Items will be forwarded to LCC following Parish Inspection (see Item 12i).

**13. CORRESPONDENCE - not already dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda**

- i) St Annes Town Council – report from a public meeting held on 16.4.08 (attached)  
Noted. Cllr Hayhurst is to write to FBC following Elswick Parish Assembly's vote of No Confidence.
- ii) Appointment of three Independent members on Lancashire Police Authority – 3 vacancies – Noted.
- iii) FBC Corporate Plan – comments by 27<sup>th</sup> (previously distributed) – Noted.
- iv) Correspondence from Mrs Kernohan re: hedge cutting on Lodge Lane – The Clerk confirmed this has been reported to LCC.

**14. STAFFING**

- i) Clerk Vacancy  
An advertisement for the vacant post will be placed on the website, in In Focus and on various noticeboards around the villages.

**15. COUNCIL DIARY**

The Police will be invited to the August meeting.

**16. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 24 July 2008 at 7.45 pm in Elswick and District Village Hall

**Signed:** ..... **Chairman** ..... **Date**

**Signed:** ..... **Clerk** ..... **Date**