

## ELSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on

Thursday 4 September 2008 in Elswick and District Village Hall commencing at 7.45pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Rowe (Chair), Chedd, Hayhurst, Molloy and Taylor. In attendance Mrs Elvy (Retiring Clerk) and Ms Arthur (Appointed Clerk).

Apologies: Cllrs Emmington and James

### 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Taylor item 8ii.

2. **MINUTES** – of the Ordinary Meeting (24.7.08), Special Meeting (26.8.08) and Adjourned Special Meeting (2.9.08) were read, approved and signed as a correct record.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

### 4. PLANNING

i) **FBC Decisions:**

a) 08/0605 Willow Bank, High Street, Elswick - Resubmission of 08/0059 Single Storey Rear Extension - GRANTED

ii) Items for Consideration - Nil.

### 5. LEISURE AND AMENITIES

i) Playground Refurbishment

It was reported that Wicksteed had added interest on the overdue account. However, following an interim payment of £24,052.00, the interest has been removed.

08/71 **Resolved: If further pressure is received from Wicksteed whilst awaiting the SITA grant money a payment will be made using the Council's balances.**

08/72 **Resolved: Councillor Hayhurst will provide the Wicksteed invoice to enable VAT reclamation.**

It was noted that the Parish Plan Committee will pay balances raised for the Playground to the Parish Council. This money is to be used to pay for fencing, planting beech hedges and the remainder is to be used when appropriate.

08/73 **Resolved: The Playground will be officially opened on 12 October. Cllr Rowe will invite Michael Jack (MP), representatives from LCC including CCllr Stuart, members of the Parish Plan Committee and local businesses.**

08/74 **Resolved: Cllrs Rowe and Molloy will lead regarding the plaque and name of the Playground.**

ii) FBC Playground Inspection Report – Noted.

iii) Bus Shelter Grant

08/75 **Resolved: Cllrs Rowe and Chedd are to consider this matter further. Mrs Elvy will contact LCC to explain the delay in replying.**

iv) Review Stage Storage in Old Changing Rooms (as per resolution 07/155)

08/76 **Resolved: To allow the Elswick Singers to continue using the Room for a further 6 months. Mrs Elvy will inform Mr Wilcock of the Elswick Singers.**

### 6. FINANCE

i) Expenditure to be resolved

Date	To Whom	Reason for Payment	Chq No	Nett	VAT	Total
12.8.08	Eon	Electricity Supplier	DDebit	132.38	6.62	139.00
1.9.08	FBC	Fylde in Bloom – Presentation attendance	100121	100.00	0.00	100.00
1.9.08	Wicksteed	Playground	100122			24,052.00
4.9.08	G Thornley	Wages	100123	288.40	0.00	288.40
4.9.08	V Elvy	Wages	100124	115.35	0.00	115.35
4.9.08	In Focus	Clerk advertisement	100125	20.00	0.00	20.00
	Void	Cheque incorrectly written	100126			
4.9.08	HS Dransfield	Skip EPC 51	100127	90.00	15.75	105.75
4.9.08	V Elvy	Expenses	100128	34.72	1.70	36.42
4.9.08	HMRC	NI/Tax Contributions	100129	28.80	0.00	28.80
4.9.08	A Atkinson	Mowing	100130	320.00	0.00	320.00
4.9.08	G Thornley	Mowing	100131	475.00	0.00	475.00
4.9.08	G Thornley	Expenses	100132	57.87	10.13	68.00
4.9.08	P Molloy	Fencing for Playground	100133	580.00	0.00	580.00
4.9.08	V Elvy	Reimbursement for Fylde in Bloom Prizes	100134	165.00	0.00	165.00
31.8.08	G Hall	Bowling Green Contract	SOrder	275.00	0.00	275.00

08/77 **Resolved: that these accounts are to be paid.**

ii) Income to be acknowledged

Date	Received from	Reason for Payment	Payment Type	Amount (£)
4.9.08	Various	MUGA	Cash	110.00

**08/78 Resolved: Income acknowledged and to be paid into the Bank.**

**7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Nil of note to report.

**8. OPEN SPACES**

i) Football Pitch

Cllr Hayhurst has had difficulty contacting the Football Foundation officer and due to the recent bad weather has not contacted Danvic either. It was agreed to attempt to remove one of the goal posts.

ii) Britain/Fylde in Bloom

Once again Elswick has had a successful year. It was:

**08/79 Resolved: to use some of the Fylde in Bloom grant money to a) attend the presentation (£100), b) purchase new trophies/shields due to previous items being full (up to £70) and c) purchase garden centre vouchers as prizes (£165).**

**9. AMENITY CLEANSING**

i) Road Sweeper (as per Resolution 08/61)

Mrs Elvy reported that the average hourly rate was £26 including operator. This was noted.

**10. MAINTENANCE WORK**

i) MUGA

The kickboards have been cover-striped rather than replaced. This has been done to a high standard.

ii) Building Repairs to Pavilion

This work needs to be done as a priority and it was:

**08/80 Resolved: to review the Budget at the next meeting to identify funds to carry out the work.**

iii) Insurance Claim – Damage caused by the tractor fire

This item has resolved itself without the need for discussion.

**11. HIGHWAYS**

i) FBC response to Copp Lane Flooding

Following discussion at the Parish Partnership meeting and subsequent submission of photographs showing the situation, LCC has passed the information on to FBC. Their response was discussed as was a letter received from a Copp Lane resident. There are a number of individual issues causing various problems along Copp Lane.

**08/81 Resolved: Cllr Chedd will write to LCC to explain fully the situation highlighting specific areas of concern.**

**08/82 Resolved: Mrs Elvy will send FBC's response to the Copp Lane resident and Cllr Chedd will make contact to discuss the issues further.**

ii) Hedges

There had been a report of an overgrown hedge backing onto the Parish Council's land on Roseacre Road. Cllr Emmington will be asked to arrange for this to be cut as he has organised this in previous years.

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

i) Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report and Action Plan – Noted.

ii) FBC Interim Housing Policy: Adoption Statement

Following the Parish Council's comments Elswick has been deemed "rural" once more. This will have a positive impact on local development.

iii) FBC Planning Training – The Council will not be attending this.

**13. STAFFING**

i) Clerk Vacancy

Ms Hayley Arthur was welcomed as the new clerk.

**14. COUNCIL DIARY**

Forthcoming actions were noted.

**08/83 Resolved: Mrs Elvy will contact PC Lyons and defer the Police attendance to October.**

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

Thursday 25 September 2008 at 7.45pm in Elswick and District Village Hall.

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

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