

ELSWICK PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 25th June 2015 - in Elswick village Hall – 7.45pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Molloy, Hayhurst (Chairman), Emmington, Hudson, Rowe and Dean, 11 Residents and the Clerks K Coleman and C Backhouse.

1. **15/018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Emmington declared a non-prejudicial interest in the dog exercise area as he uses to exercise his own dog.

2. 15/019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Dog Exercise Area: a number of residents were in attendance to discuss the dog exercise area. The size and condition of the area were raised and the cutting back of hedges/trees. Prior to the meeting Cllr Hudson had met and discussed the current issues with one of the residents and along with Cllr Emmington a report and plan had been prepared for members. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed that the Council consider (under item 8iv on the agenda) extending the area by buying or renting land from the UR Church and writing to the local landowners about clearing the dykes in the area to ease the drainage problems.

b. Baxter Homes Development, High Street: the Chairman was asked if there was any progress regarding the recent planning application 15/020. Cllr Hayhurst reported that he had asked for the application to be decided at a meeting of the Fylde Planning Committee and that he had asked for planners to negotiate with the developer regarding the relocation of the dormer window. Cllr Hayhurst advised the residents that they were permitted to attend the Planning Committee Meeting to raise their objections.

c. Activities for Children/MUGA: 2 residents in attendance raised the issue of a lack of activities in the village for children and the charges/booking system for the MUGA. Cllr Hayhurst advised the parents that there were funding opportunities for groups wanting to provide facilities for children and confirmed that he thought the Parish Council would support any groups with grant applications for sensible play schemes. He explained that keys for the MUGA were not being returned to Bonds after use and that there had recently been a situation where no keys were available for a group of children wanting to use the facility.

4. **15/020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Haresceugh.

5. **15/021 MINUTES:** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (21.05.15) were read, approved and signed as a correct record.

6. **15/022 MATTERS ARISING:** Cllr Rowe questioned the inclusion of an Open Forum item on the agenda. The Chairman explained that the previous Council had determined that they would not include an item, but to always give residents attending the meetings the opportunity to raise any matters/issues at the start of the meetings. It was suggested that 'members of the public welcome to attend' be added to the bottom of the agenda.

It was resolved to proceed as above.

7. **15/023 POLICE** – A report had been received but showed no crimes in the area.

8. 15/024 PLANNING

A. Items for Discussion

i) 15/0320- Merfield, Copp Lane Elswick – proposed 2 storey side extension and rear conservatory

It was resolved that the Council had no objections.

ii) 15/0389- Merfield, Copp Lane Elswick- proposed application for the replacement of three existing outbuildings with new domestic garage and store – **It was resolved that the Council had no objections**

B. Items for Information

i) 14/0768 The Barn, Copp Lane, - restoration and conversion – **GRANTED.**

ii) 15/0084 2 Beech Bank, Beech Road – reserved matters of appearance and landscaping – **GRANTED**

9. 15/025 LEISURE AND AMENITIES

i) MUGA - Cllr Molloy reported problems with keys going missing which stopped the facilities being used-re-introducing the membership scheme to police usage was proposed along with a review of the hire charges.. Clerk to report to Fylde Borough Council broken Goals.

It was resolved to proceed as above and to review the charges at the July meeting.

10. 15/026 OPEN SPACES

i) Wildlife/Flower Meadow: Cllr Hayhurst reported the grass was long due to wild flowers growing within grass - this is to be left.

ii) Britain in Bloom:

a) It was reported that Peacocks had caused damage to flower beds. It was proposed that the Clerk send an invoice to the owner for replacement of damaged plants - £16+ AA labour.

It was proposed to proceed as above.

b) Ploughs: Cllr Hudson had received pictures of some available ploughs and it was proposed that four of the members be given delegated authority to review and purchase.

It was resolved to proceed as above.

iii) Orchard – a plan of the layout of the orchard had been received and it was proposed that a copy be kept on file to indicate which trees have been sponsored and to ask Sam and Elizabeth Kernohan to identify a further tree they wish to sponsor.

It was resolved to proceed as above.

iv) Dog Exercise Area: Cllrs Hudson and Emmington had assessed the area and reported that it required levelling, draining and rotivating. Cllr Emmington volunteered to speak to local contractors for quotes. It was proposed that the Council write to the UR Church about renting/buying land to extend the area.

It was resolved to proceed as above.

v) Larbreck Park – it was proposed that the hedging be replaced in November along with a fence. The Clerk reported that LCC had been asked to erect playground signs. A resident had asked about erecting railings around the main entrance/exit from the Park it was considered that this would be too expensive and the Council felt that adequate steps were being taken to resolve the safety issues at the park.

It was resolved to approve the above proposals.

vi) Public Rights of Way: replacement of stile on footpath between Bonds Lane and White Crosses – Cllr Emmington volunteered to take a look.

vii) Elswick Best Kept Garden Competition – KAC took on role of judge and it was proposed that prizes be given as previous years

It was resolved to proceed as above.

viii) Damage to Property/CCTV – It was proposed that Cllr Emmington to gain quotes for renewing cameras also Cllr Hudson to pass copy of disk to Police.

It was resolved to proceed as above.

ix) Overgrown trees on Beech Road – An email had been received from a resident about the state of the trees on Beech Road. It was proposed that Cllrs Emmington and Hayhurst be given delegated authority to approve any cutting back if required.

It was resolved to proceed as above.

11. 15/027 OTHER

i) Neighbourhood Plan – It was proposed that an Elswickian be produced to invite residents to a public meeting and to include items about vandalism, membership scheme for MUGA.

It was resolved to proceed as above.

ii) Councillor Responsibilities

It was resolved to defer until the July meeting.

12. 15/028 BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT: Councillor Hayhurst reported that the Roseacre Wood Fracking Planning Application had been refused by County Council, but that 81 drilling sites in the area had been approved for monitoring purposes.

13. 15/029 FINANCE

a) Expenditure

Date	Payee	Details	Cheque	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount
25.06.15	A Atkinson	Summer Planting	100480	3,500.00		3,500.00
25.06.15	A Atkinson	Planting hedge Larbreck Ave	100481	70.00		70.00
25.06.15	A Atkinson	Grass Cutting Area 1	100482	250.00		250.00
25.06.15	A Atkinson	Growmore (houghtons)	100478	66.63	13.33	79.96
25.06.15	A Atkinson	Strimming Fp3 BW7	100479	80.00		80.00

25.06.15	K Coleman	Expenses	100483	49.18	2.67	51.85
22.06.15	K Coleman	USB Stick	100484	5.99		5.99
25.06.15	K Coleman	June Salary	100487	147.70		147.70
25.06.15	A Atkinson	June Salary	100485	444.57		444.57
25.06.15	Revenue & Customs	Income Tax	100486	37.00		37.00
30.06.15	A Cummings	Bowling Green	SO	266.70		266.70
25.06.15	Elswick VH	Donation for use of meeting room	100488	95.00		95.00
25.06.15	B Armstrong	Grass Cutting Area 3	100489	131.25		131.25
04.05.15	P Hayhurst	Ashlea Cottage Nursery	100491	60.75		60.75
03.06.15	P Hayhurst	Ashlea Cottage Nursery	100491	36.00		36.00
04.06.15	P Hayhurst	Barton Grange	100491	58.27	11.66	69.93
11.06.15	P Hayhurst	IR Trading Ltd	100491	25.90		25.90
03.06.15	P Hayhurst	IR Trading Ltd	100491	16.20		16.20
26.05.15	Kernock Park	Flowers	100490	655.00	131.00	786.00
				5,996.14	158.66	6,154.80

b. Income

10.06.15	Parish Champion Grant	300.00
22.06.15	Youth Club MUGA Rentals	43.20
25.06.15	Elswick VH Ground Rent (£5 deducted from cheque no 100488)	5.00
25.06.15	Muga Rentals	47.00
25.06.15	VAT Repayment	79.42

It was resolved that the above accounts be paid and income (where applicable) paid in to bank. Calculations were checked and signed by the Chairman/Councillors.

ii) **15/030 Internal Audit** – the Chairman/Councillors checked and signed the pay slips and checked money had been paid into bank by signing of bank statements.

iii) **15/031 Audit 2014/2015**

It was resolved to defer this item until the July meeting.

iv) **15/032 Village Hall** – It was proposed that the payment for use of the meeting room be approved less the £5.00 ground rent.

It was resolved to approve the above.

v) **15/033 Bank Mandate** – It was proposed that the bank mandate be updated to remove past Councillors and to add new Councillors/Clerk. A telephone banking form was also completed - Cllr Haresceugh to sign on his return.

It was resolved to approve the above proposal.

vi) **15/034 British Gas**

It was resolved that the contract be renewed for 1 year.

14. 15/034 CORRESPONDENCE

i) St Annes Town Council Neighbourhood Plan

It was resolved that the Council would not give comments on the draft plan.

ii) Police & Crime Commissioner – meeting Thursday 17th September, Town Hall, 7pm

It was resolved to note this information.

iii) Electoral Review for Lancashire

It was resolved that no comments would be given.

15. 15/035 COUNCIL DIARY

i) 2015 Diary

The diary was checked for outstanding actions and signed by the Chairman.

**DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 23rd JULY 2015
ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
7.45PM – AT THE PAVILION**

Signed: Chairman Date