

MINUTES OF ELSWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 9TH MAY 2016
Elswick Village Hall, Elswick (7.45pm)

PRESENT: Cllr P Hayhurst (Chairman),
 Cllr M Molloy
 Cllr J Dean
 Cllr N Hudson
 Cllr J Rowe
 Cllr M Read

IN ATTENDANCE: Jane Lingings (Clerk). 64 members of the public attended.

Ref	No.	Item
056/16	1.	Apologies for Absence None received
057/16	2.	Declaration of Interests Cllr P Hayhurst declared a non pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6, 16/0180. Cllr M Read declared a non pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6, 16/0180. Cllr J Rowe declared a non pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6, 16/0262 and 16/0209 and a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6, 16/0180. Cllr N Hudson declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 11 iii.
058/16	3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meetings held on the 31 st March 2016 were ratified as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
059/16	4.	Action Tracker (for information only) The action tracker was reviewed and updated.
060/16	5.	Police The PACT reports for March and April 2016 were received and noted.

Public Time

The Chairman adjourned the meeting and the following issues were raised:

A resident queried if the soakaway on the boundary of the football pitch is restricted, as during periods of excessive rain there is localised flooding onto Roseacre Road. It was noted that LCC are prioritising similar situations across the county and this will be added to a future agenda for further discussion.

Sixty-four members of the public attended the meeting to raise their concerns regarding the Land North of Mill Lane proposed application by Story Homes for the development of up to 100 dwellings within Elswick (16/0180).

Discussion included:

- The impact of increased traffic on the village roads and both on and accessing the already busy A585.
- The significant additional burden on the local health services and other local amenities
- The irreversible effect the development would have on the ambiance and character of the rural community.
- Elswick scored low in sustainability assessments taken at the beginning of the Local Plan process and has no school, health centre and only one small newsagents shop and has recently lost the bus service to Blackpool.
- Residents voiced their frustrations regarding the delay from Fylde Borough Councils development of a new Local Plan.
- Some residents informed the group that they had written to Fylde Borough Council with their objections, and informed residents that members of the public are permitted to request to make a verbal presentation to oppose the application to the FBC Development Management Committee.

The residents by a show of hands voted 63 against this application and 1 abstained.

The Chairman reconvened the Parish Council Meeting meeting.

Chairmans Signature Date

061/16	6.	<p>Planning and Licensing</p> <p>Cllrs P Hayhurst, M Read and J Rowe left the room.</p> <p>The Parish Council meeting was agreed as quorate, and it was resolved that Cllr M Molloy would act as Chair in the absence of Cllr Hayhurst. The Parish Council discussed and considered the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/0180 Land North of Mill Lane, Elswick Outline application for residential development of up to 100 dwellings and associated infrastructure (access applied for with all other matters reserved) It was resolved that the Parish Council would submit comments of objection to this application <hr/> <p>Cllrs Hayhurst and Read re-joined the meeting. Cllr Hayhurst retook the position of Chairman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/0262 Willow Bank, High Street, Elswick, PR4 3ZB Discharge of condition 2 for materials It was resolved the Parish Council had no comment on this application <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/0209 The Beeches, Roseacre Road Outline application for erection of one dwelling and formation of new access off Roseacre Road It was resolved that the Parish Council would submit comments of objection to this application. <hr/> <p>Cllrs J Rowe re-joined the meeting.</p> <p>The planning tracker was noted.</p>
062/16	7.	<p>Leisure and Amenities</p> <p>No issues were raised.</p>
063/16	8.	<p>Open Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Flower Meadow/Orchard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advance Landscapes have completed work on the pathways around the Orchard, as part of the Tesco Community Grant Scheme. - The Blackpool and Fylde Bee Keepers have place the bee hive in the centre of the orchard. It was resolved that an information display sign would be ordered utilising the Tesco Grant. - The meadow has now been seeded and it was resolved that payment be issued for Boston Seeds. • Britain in Bloom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plants have now been ordered. Two tonnes of top soil will be required. It was resolved that this could be purchased if a free source could not be acquired in time. - Flower Bed Fronting the Village Hall: considerable maintenance tasks are required on this bed, with the digging and salvaging of Montbretia and removal of conifers. It was resolved that this work could be completed with an estimate cost of works being in the region of £1000. • Green Flag <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Green Flag Award judges are visiting on Thursday 12th May. It was resolved that a "Dog Enclosure" sign could be ordered. • Tesco Local Community Grant Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Daily Mail have contacted Elswick Parish Council as part of a newspaper article on the plastic bag good causes winners. It was resolved that Cllr Hayhurst

		will liaise with the newspaper.																																																																
064/16	9.	Amenity Cleansing Waste Bin Copp Lane Bus Shelter: The mechanism to lock this bin is damaged leaving the door swinging open. It was resolved to purchase a replacement bin.																																																																
065/16	10.	County and Borough Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCC: Public Rights of Way – Local Delivery Scheme for 2016/17: It was resolved that the Parish Council would opt into this scheme, this year’s focus being vegetation clearance. The clerk will contact the PROW team to confirm. FBC: Smoke Free Play Code Consultation: FBC Council have teamed up with Lancashire County Council to introduce a voluntary Smoke free Play Code, which will see smoke free signs installed in the children’s play areas within parks and open spaces. The code is also being introduced to Lancaster, Wyre, Blackpool, Preston, South Ribble, Chorley and West Lancashire. The Smoke free Play Code is not a ban on smoking in playgrounds and does not require a change in legislation. It is a voluntary code which aims to encourage the community to make the decision to protect their children’s health and not smoke in play areas. It was resolved that the Parish Council would join this scheme. 																																																																
066/16	11.	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was resolved to approve monthly bank reconciliation for April 2016. It was resolved to approve the cumulative budget reconciliation for April 2016. It was resolved to authorise payments for April 2016. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Cheque</th> <th>Gross Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>08.04.16</td> <td>FBC</td> <td>Deductio</td> <td>585.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28.04.16</td> <td>A Atkinson</td> <td>200587</td> <td>444.57</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28.04.16</td> <td>A Atkinson</td> <td>200588</td> <td>275.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28.04.16</td> <td>B Armstrong</td> <td>200589</td> <td>131.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.5.16</td> <td>J Lingings</td> <td>200593</td> <td>223.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.5.16</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>200594</td> <td>55.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.5.16</td> <td>J Lingings</td> <td>200595</td> <td>49.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.5.16</td> <td>Olive Branch Landscapes Ltd</td> <td>200596</td> <td>180.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.5.16</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>480.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.5.16</td> <td>M Emmington</td> <td>200597</td> <td>216.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.5.16</td> <td>AFC Fylde Community Foundation</td> <td>200598</td> <td>800.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22.04.16</td> <td>British Gas</td> <td>DD</td> <td>146.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.5.16</td> <td>A Atkinson</td> <td>200599</td> <td>19.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.5.16</td> <td>A Atkinson</td> <td>"</td> <td>60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.5.16</td> <td>N Hudson (reimbursement)</td> <td>200600</td> <td>42.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £20.00 MUGA Rental £51.73 Santander Interest £14,029.00 FBC Precept (1st instalment) £2,719.00 Amenity Cleansing £140.00 Bus Shelter Grant £840.00 Council Tax Grant £500.00 FBC Discretionary Grant £350.00 FBC Britain in Bloom It was resolved that the Santander Account be retained and the MUGA resurfacing funds be transferred to this account. The clerk will calculate the amount for the next meeting. Cllr Hayhurst to ensure the bank mandate is up to date. Fylde Borough Council Elections Invoice Update: Cllr Hayhurst met with FBC and it was agreed that FBC would relook at the current methodology of recharging election costs. This will involve consultation with their elected members and until the outcome of this consultation is known, the invoice will remain “on hold”. 	Date	Payee	Cheque	Gross Amount	08.04.16	FBC	Deductio	585.00	28.04.16	A Atkinson	200587	444.57	28.04.16	A Atkinson	200588	275.00	28.04.16	B Armstrong	200589	131.25	9.5.16	J Lingings	200593	223.95	9.5.16	HMRC	200594	55.80	9.5.16	J Lingings	200595	49.60	9.5.16	Olive Branch Landscapes Ltd	200596	180.00	9.5.16	"	"	480.00	9.5.16	M Emmington	200597	216.00	9.5.16	AFC Fylde Community Foundation	200598	800.00	22.04.16	British Gas	DD	146.12	9.5.16	A Atkinson	200599	19.00	9.5.16	A Atkinson	"	60.00	9.5.16	N Hudson (reimbursement)	200600	42.00
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067/16	12.	Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Review It was resolved that Cllrs Hayhurst and Read would review these policies, for approval at the 31 st May 2016 meeting.
068/16	13.	Parish Councillor Casual Vacancy The notice of vacancy will be advertised until the 11 th May 2016, after this date, the Elections Office at Fylde Borough Council will notify the Parish Clerk whether an election has been called. If no election has been called, the Parish Council may co-opt for this vacancy.
069/16	14.	Pension Scheme The Parish Clerk notified the Councillors of the Councils legal duties and key dates required under Employment Law to ensure the Parish Council is compliant and resolve any actions required. It was resolved that Cllr Hayhurst will write to each member of staff by 1 st November 2016.
070/16	15.	Society of Local Council Clerks Membership It was resolved that the Parish Clerk would join the Society for Local Council Clerks. Membership costs: joining fee £8.00, yearly subscription £88.00.
071/16	16.	Staff Salaries It was resolved to close this item from members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. The Parish Council considered the annual review of staff salaries for implementation 1 st May 2016 and it was resolved to increase the staff salaries by 1% for 2016/ 2017 and 1% for 2017/2018, which will be reviewed in April 2018.
072/16	17.	Correspondence The following items of correspondence previously distributed by the clerk were noted. Came and Co Council Matters Spring 2016 Newsletter LCC: Parish Bus Seminar - County Hall, 7th April 2016 LCC: Trading Standards March 2016 LCC: temporary road closure on Preston Road/ Mill Lane, Inskip With Sowerby FBC: District Parish Liaison Meeting - Wednesday 6th April FBC: Annual General Meeting 11 th May 2016 FBC: Development Management Committee agenda 20 th April 2016 FBC: Development Management Committee agenda 27 th April 2016 FBC: Blackpool Horse Fair and Drive plus update FBC: Minutes of the Development Management Committee meeting 20 April 2016 FBC: Agenda for Council AGM on 11 May 2016
073/16	18.	Items for the Next Agenda (for information only) Annual Return for Audit Year ending 31 st March 2016 Localised Flooding Roseacre Road Honorary Citizenship Nominations
074/16	19.	Date of Next Meeting Thursday 26 th May 2016 (Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting) Elswick Village Hall, Downstairs Committee Room