

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 9 April 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors L Armstrong, (Chairman), P Ascroft, H Bradley, A Love, J Morris, R Monks.

Also present Borough Councillors H Caunce and K Iddon.

35.09 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors C Chu, J Haines, W Mason, M Price, S Ward.

36.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Monks, as a member of the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Parochial Church Council, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 5 (Financial Matters).

37.09 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2009

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

38.09 Public Participation

i) Police Matters

No report.

ii) Borough Councillors

A meeting with Northern Trust, the owner of Sagar House, had taken place. Amendments to the planning application have been made having taken into account resident's input. An offer to meet with the Parish Council has been made.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

No points raised.

39.09 Financial Matters

Resolved: the financial update be received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Councillors considered a grant request from St Mary's PCC towards the upkeep of the Churchyard.

Resolved: a donation of £200 be awarded.

A grant request from Victim Support Lancashire towards operating expenses was not supported.

The payment of business rates and utility bills by variable direct debit was reviewed.

Resolved: payment of business rates and utility bills by variable direct debit be approved.

Membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils was reviewed.

Resolved: membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils be continued.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Resolved: the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements:

£ 572.05	Employee 1	Salary
£ 382.16	Employee 2	Salary
£ 416.73	Employee 3	Salary
£ 253.67	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI
£ 41.13	Employee 2	Reimbursements

£ 391.00	Argus Security Systems	Fire alarm/lighting maintenance contract
£ 2012.50	Rock Surfacing	Repairs to Skatepark surface
£ 300.00	Help for Heroes	Donation
£ 200.00	Euxton and Eccleston Guides	Donation
£ 74.00	Myerscough College	Groundcare equipment training
£ 430.74	Chorley Council	Dog waste bin emptying
£ 96.02	United Utilities	Water usage charges
£ 8337.80	BTCV	Works to Recreation Fields
£ 446.89	LALC	Annual subscription
£ 42.08	United Utilities	Water services charges
£ 289.52	Chorley Council	Business rates

40.09 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

09/00104/TPO Pruning of 3 trees, covered by TPO 1 (Eccleston) 1992 in the garden of Ashburn, Woodhart Lane.

09/00181/CTY Four single storey extensions to the existing school building to provide Children's centre and associated facilities at Eccleston Primary School, Doctors Lane.

09/00164/FUL Two storey and single storey rear extension at 13 Reeveswood.

09/00176/TPO Pruning to trees in garden of 7, and to the rear of 8, Langton Close.

09/00245/FUL Raising of roof to accommodate two bedrooms and bathroom.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

41.09 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2009

Councillors considered the Annual Return (as circulated).

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

42.09 Village in Partnership

Councillors considered an appeal for Trustees to join the Board of Villages in Partnership. Cllr Love expressed an interest.

43.09 War Memorial

Following a previous request for assistance from St Mary's Church, quotations for renovation work to the War Memorial were provided. The quotations varied greatly in both cost and suggested works required and, as a result, were incomparable.

Resolved: two further, alternative quotations be obtained.

44.09 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Lancashire Local, Chorley was advised of a reduction in the speed limit on Southport Road, following a review of speed limits on A and B roads in Lancashire.

A report was provided on the recent Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting.

45.09 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 May 2009.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

..... (Chairman)