

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 10 December 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors W Mason (Chairman), L Armstrong, P Ascroft, H Bradley, M Frost, J Haines, A Love, M Miller, J Morris, M Price.

Also present County and Borough Councillor Iddon and 6 Members of the Public.

143.09 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors J Lilley and R Monks and PC Howard.

144.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillor Bradley, as a Trustee of Ecclestone Millennium Green, declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 (Millennium Green). Cllr Love, as a neighbour of the applicant, declared a personal interest in application no 09/00911/FUL, to be considered under agenda item 6 (Planning Matters).

145.09 Minutes of the Meeting held 12 November 2009

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

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

146.09 Public Participation

Mr Gwynne Furlong, an independent member of Chorley Council's Standards Committee, who is the Parish Council's Standards Mentor, provided information on the work of the Standards Committee.

i) Residents Points of Interest

Residents advised of objections to a resubmitted planning application for Orcheton House Farm, Wood Lane, Heskin. The lack of time between the closing date for consultation and the Development Control Committee meeting was mentioned, although any decision was deferred until the January meeting. Certain anomalies contained within the supporting information for the application, submitted to Chorley Council, were highlighted.

Residents of Drapers Avenue advised the problems with youths had improved in recent weeks.

A resident mentioned the road surface in the Carrington Centre is in need of repair.

ii) Police Matters

The local Pubwatch Scheme has been extended to include Croston and Mawdesley. There were only four reported crimes for the month, all relatively minor. A sign discouraging ball games on the Drapers Avenue car park was suggested. Residents mentioned vehicles mounting the pavements on Drapers Avenue to avoid the speed humps, and driving at excessive speeds between the humps.

iii) County and Borough Councillors

Cllr Iddon will discuss the Carrington Centre road surface with Northern Trust and will look into the possibility of Lancashire County Council installing bollards to prevent the vehicles mounting the pavements to avoid the speed humps.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

147.09 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

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:

£ 561.81	Employee 1	Salary
£ 382.16	Employee 2	Salary
£ 416.73	Employee 3	Salary
£ 247.39	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI
£ 236.13	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 3234.66	C A Traffic	Speed Indicator Device
£ 257.00	Sprint Print	Newsletter printing
£ 78.08	Galaxy Print	Safety clothing
£ 150.00	Eccleston Youth Club	Grant
£ 35.25	Astely Village Parish Council	Councillor training
£4427.50	J T and K T Waterworth	Annual grasscutting contract
£ 293.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 47.01	United Utilities	Water services charge

148.09 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

09/00770/FUL CLPUD Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of a single storey side extension at Folly Cottage, Syd Brook Lane.

09/00896/FUL Part removal of existing masonry wall and construction of new vehicle entrance and extending existing wall to form new pedestrian entrance at The Mill Race, Lydiate Lane.

09/00911/FUL Groundfloor rear extension to provide bedroom with shower facility for a disabled person at 28 Bradley Lane.

09/00930/FUL The erection of a part single, part two storey rear extension and external alterations to include the insertion of first floor windows in the side elevations of the existing property at Radley House, 196 The Green.

09/00941/FUL Erection of two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension incorporating a conservatory at 21 Drapers Avenue.

Councillors had no comment relating to these applications.

09/00926/FUL The erection of three front and three rear dormers and insertion of a window on the western gable end of the existing property at 60 New Street.

Councillors are to visually inspect the property and advise the Clerk of any comments.

09/00873/FUL Replacement agricultural workers dwelling, re-use and relocation of former dwelling as fishing training centre (resubmission of planning application 09/00678/FUL) at Orcheton House Farm, Wood Lane, Heskin.

Councillors had no objections to this application however concerns regarding the suitability of the access, environmental impact on neighbours and the village in general, and the appropriateness of the development within the Greenbelt are to raised with the Planning Officer.

149.09 Millennium Green

The Council's solicitor is currently examining the paperwork. Councillor Bradley is to advise the Millennium Green Trust that the Council will consider requests for assistance to meet any essential operating costs.

150.09 Policies and Protocols

The adoption of a Grievance and Discipline Procedure and a Bullying and Harassment Policy were considered.

Resolved: the Grievance and Discipline Procedure be adopted.

A recommendation on the constitution of a Grievance Panel and an Appeals Panel is to be produced for adoption at the next meeting.

Resolved: the Bullying and Harassment Policy be adopted.

151.09 2010 - 2011 Precept

Councillors were asked to provide the Clerk with details of any major items for consideration in the setting of the annual precept at the January meeting.

152.09 Reports from Meetings

The Changing Rooms Management Group - Charter Status is to be achieved by the end of the current football season and the acquisition of Community Amateur Sports Club status, which should lead to a reduction in Business Rates on the Changing Rooms is imminent.

The Recreation Fields and Open Spaces Committee - a recent informal meeting took place and items discussed included residents suggestions for youth facilities to reduce problems on the car park and play equipment inspections.

153.09 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Councillor Training - a recent training event, held locally in conjunction with neighbouring Parish Councils, was found to be very informative by attendees

Standards Training - a recent training event, carried out by Chorley Council's Monitoring Officer was, again, found to be very informative.

Lancashire Police Authority - the topic 'What Does the Future Hold for Community Safety in Lancashire?' covered topics including getting policing back onto the streets, anti social behaviour, and more police on the beat to provide visible deterrents.

Transgenerational Activities - ideas were provided for the four intergenerational events, to be arranged by Chorley Council, within the village.

154.09 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for an item of business, in accordance with Part 1(section 1) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: members of the public be excluded for the consideration of the following items.

155.09 Personnel Matters

A review of employees' job descriptions and hours of work was completed.

156.09 Contact Details and Correspondence with Individuals

The contact details of Councillors which are to be made available to members of the public was considered.

Resolved: details of Councillor's names and telephone numbers are to be provided.

A response to correspondence from a member of the public was considered. As a further letter had been provided immediately prior to the meeting, the matter was deferred to allow Councillors time to consider the contents.

157.09 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 January 2010.

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

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