

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 12 February 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors W Mason (Chairman), L Armstrong, P Ascroft, H Bradley, J Haines, A Love, J Morris, R Monks, S Ward.

Also present PS Brookes, PC Price, Borough Councillors H Counce and K Iddon and 3 Members of the Public.

11.09 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Chu and M Price.

12.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

13.09 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2009

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

14.09 Public Participation

i) Police Matters

The Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings have been resurrected, and will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, at the Youth and Community Centre, Drapers Avenue. Issues raised at the January meeting included speeding, inconsiderate parking and juvenile nuisance and anti social behaviour. Several arrests have been made in connection with damage to, and thefts from, vehicles. A small number of anti social behaviour incidents have occurred.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

A resident had reported problems with the surface of the Church Walks public footpath. This has been reported to Lancashire County Council and an inspection is to be made.

Residents reiterated concerns regarding the proposed application for the redevelopment of the site of Sagar House. The concerns generally centred around the effect additional properties will have on the existing drainage in the immediate locality, and sewerage facilities in the Langton Brow area, which are already problematical. A further public meeting has been arranged.

The Chairman brought forward item Agenda item 6.

15.09 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

08/01244/OUTMAJ Outline application for the erection of 82 dwellings and associated roads and open space at Sagar House Langton Brow.

Resolved: an objection be lodged on the grounds of detrimental impact on local drainage and sewerage services and certain of the proposed dwellings are not in keeping with the area and, by their size and scale, will have a detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the area.

09/00025/FUL Erection of single bedroom detached bungalow at Land 7m North West of 383 Langton Brow.

Resolved: an objection be lodged on the grounds that the design of the property is out of keeping with surrounding buildings and, as such, will have a detrimental impact on the streetscene.

09/00022 Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed detached garage building at The Mill Race, Lydiate Lane.

Councillors had no comment relating to this application.

16.09 Financial Matters

The Clerk evidenced submission and receipt of the precept request to Chorley Council.

Resolved: the financial update be 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:

£ 546.84	Employee 1	Salary
£ 363.55	Employee 2	Salary
£ 396.99	Employee 3	Salary
£ 247.02	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI
£ 40.68	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 327.75	Green-Tec	Replacement seat
£ 138.00	I M Brown	Seat installation
£ 15.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	Entry fee
£ 43.04	United Utilities	Water services charges

17.09 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed out a risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls be noted.

18.09 Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity

Councillors considered a consultation document on a Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity.

Resolved: the Clerk is to respond on behalf on the Council.

19.09 Recreation Fields and Open Spaces Committee

Orders were approved for the repairs to the Skatepark surface and a replacement seat at the junction of The Green and Doctors Lane. The works to the Countryside Trail were approved, subject to receipt of grant funding. The noticeboard, removed from Eccleston Bridge Post Office, is to be placed near the Changing Rooms.

20.09 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting set local priorities as being anti social behaviour, youth nuisance and inconsiderate parking and speeding along The Green.

A meeting of the Mawdesley Green Team discussed requirements for allotments in the area.

21.09 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 March 2009.

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

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