

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 8 January 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present PC Howard and 5 Members of the Public.

01.09 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Bradley, C Heydon, M Price and County Councillor A Whittaker.

02.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Love, as a Governor of Ecclestone St Mary's C of E Primary School declared a prejudicial interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 5 (Financial Matters).

03.09 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 2008

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

04.09 Public Participation

i) Police Matters

It has been fairly quiet in the Village, in the period including Christmas and New Year, with reported crimes including a burglary, the theft of 2 trailers and a handbag and vandalism to the Christmas tree on the Village Green.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

Residents of Shelley Drive and surrounding roads advised of concerns regarding a potential planning 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.

The residents were advised their concerns would be taken into account if, and when, the planning application is received by the Parish Council.

05.09 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered a suggestion for a donation to be made to Ecclestone Brass Band, which had provided musical accompaniment for the Carol singing.

Resolved: a donation of £200 be made to Ecclestone Brass Band.

Cllr Love withdrew from the meeting.

Councillors considered a suggestion for a donation to be made to Ecclestone St Mary's C of E Primary School, which had opened, during a period of heavy rain, to allow use of the Hall for the carol singing.

Resolved: £100 be awarded to Ecclestone St Mary's C of E Primary School.

Cllr Love rejoined the meeting.

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:

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| £ 546.84 | Employee 1 | Salary |
| £ 363.55 | Employee 2 | Salary |
| £ 396.99 | Employee 3 | Salary |
| £ 247.02 | Inland Revenue | Tax and NI |
| £ 10.25 | Employee 2 | Reimbursements |
| £ 14.05 | Galaxy Print | Lengthsmans clothing |
| £ 181.00 | Sprint Print | Newsletter printing |
| £ 100.00 | Eccleston Scouts and Guides | Newsletter delivery |
| £ 200.00 | Eccleston Brass Band | Donation |
| £ 100.00 | St Mary's C of E Primary School | Donation |
| £ 280.94 | British Gas | Gas bill |
| £ 81.02 | United Utilities | Water useage charges |
| £ 43.04 | United Utilities | Water services charges |
| £ 279.00 | Chorley Council | Business rates |

06.09 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

08/01209/CLPUD Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed detached garage building at The Mill Race, Lydiate Lane.

09/08/1236/FUL Proposed single storey extension to side and rear at Winter View Farm, Parr Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to the applications.

07.09 Parish Precept 2009 - 2010

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year. The Chairman advised that, in view of the current economic climate, he had requested the Clerk to provide a revised budget representing no increase in the precept. As a result of positive feedback from residents regarding the carol singing, and requests for more events of a similar nature an additional budget of £3000 was proposed for village activities and events during the year. A counter proposal to reduce this to £2000 was not supported.

Resolved: £3000 be added to the precept for village activities and events during the year.

Resolved: the Precept for 2009 - 2010 be set at £43840.

08.09 Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity

The matter was deferred to allow Councillors more time to consider the consultation document.

09.09 Reports from Outside Bodies

Creative Minds has received a grant of £500 from the Lancashire Local - Chorley.

The Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings are to be resurrected and will commence in February.

10.09 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 February 2009.

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

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