

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Present Councillors L Armstrong (Chairman), H Bradley, J Morris, M Price.

Also present Borough Councillor K Joyce, PC J Howard and 4 Members of the Public.

### 74.09 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Ascroft, J Haines, A Love, W Mason, R Monks, and Borough Councillor H Caunce.

### 75.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 76.09 Councillor Vacancies

Councillors considered applications for co-optation from Mr Mark Frost and Mrs Janice Lilley.

Resolved: Mr Mark Frost and Mrs Janice Lilley be co-opted.

Councillors Frost and Lilley completed their Acceptances of Office and took their places on the Council.

### 77.09 Minutes of the Meeting held 13 June 2009

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

Resolved: agenda items 6, 7, 8 and 9 be brought forward.

### 78.09 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

Councillors considered a grant request from Vitalise towards the cost of respite breaks for disabled people and subsidy costs for volunteers. The item was deferred pending receipt of information regarding actual benefit to Ecclestone residents.

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:

£ 557.68	Employee 1	Salary
£ 381.96	Employee 2	Salary
£ 416.73	Employee 3	Salary
£ 245.22	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI
£ 65.20	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 161.00	Argus Security Systems	Alarm system maintenance contract
£ 241.06	British Gas	Gas bill
£ 546.96	E.on	Electricity bill
£ 124.47	United Utilities	Water usage charges
£ 460.00	BDO Stoy Hayward	Audit fee
£ 47.01	United Utilities	Water services charges
£ 293.00	Chorley Council	Business rates

### 79.09. Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

09/00380/FUL Addition of arched 0.7m high timber trellis to the top of the existing rear and side fence increasing the total fence height to approx 2.6m at 60 New Street

09/00412/TPO Pruning of Sycamore tree at 20 Chaucer Close.

09/00467/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension, single storey front extension and a conversion of existing garage to create additional living accommodation at 15 Anchor Fields.

09/00474/CTY Extensions and alterations to existing school car park at Ecclestone County Primary School.

Councillors had no comment relating to these applications.

#### 80.09 Annual Return 2008-2009

Councillors considered the report of the External Auditor and the finalised Annual Return.

Resolved: the Annual Return be approved and accepted.

#### 81.09 Neighbourhood Action Plan

Details of Chorley Council's Western Parishes Neighbourhood Action Plan were considered.

Resolved: details of the Action Plan be noted.

#### 82.09 Public Participation

##### i) Police Matters

Reported crimes had returned to normal levels, with 6 reported in the month, including a theft of York stone, a similar theft having occurred in Croston. Juvenile nuisance had also reduced. Damage to the slide on the Drapers Avenue Play Area was reported, caused by pouring some form of oil on the slide and setting it alight, along with damage to the public telephone box at the junction of Towngate and Tincklers Lane.

##### ii) Borough Councillors

The Survey of Housing Needs, raised by a resident at the June meeting, had been investigated. This survey has no status in law and, as such, cannot impact on the planning process.

The appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the Site of the Former Church Hall, Lawrence Lane has been allowed by the Planning Inspectorate.

##### iii) Residents Points of Interest

A resident mentioned the appearance of a mobile hot food trailer on New Lane. Litter in the vicinity had increased and 'A' board signage on the pavement by Ecclestone Bridge and on the verges. As the trailer is on site from around 7.00pm to mid afternoon concerns were expressed at the lack of toilet facilities for staff, who are handling food.

#### 83.09. Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

#### 84.09 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 August 2009.

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

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