

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 13 June 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, R Monks, J Morris.

Also present Borough Councillor K Joyce, PCSO A Catterall and 4 Members of the Public.

62.09 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor M Price, Borough Councillors H Caunce and K Iddon and PC Howard.

63.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

64.09 Minutes of the Meeting held 14 May 2009

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

65.09 Public Participation

i) Police Matters

A sharp increase in reported crimes was reported, mainly in the categories of juvenile nuisance and criminal damage to motor vehicles.

ii) Borough Councillors

Borough Councillor Joyce is liaising with United Utilities regarding drainage and sewage problems. Residents were asked to contact Cllr Joyce with any evidence of problems.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

A resident mentioned seeing information on a Survey of Housing Needs which had been carried out by some parish councils and used to oppose housing developments.

Residents queried the response to the Council's newsletter item on allotments and were advised sixteen residents had responded to date. Landsharing, a scheme whereby residents with land or large gardens let out parts for allotment gardens, was suggested.

66.09 Financial Matters

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

An authorised signatory for the bank mandate, required to replace Cllr Ward, was considered.

Resolved: Cllr Love be authorised to sign cheques and direct debits on behalf of the Council.

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:

£ 557.88	Employee 1	Salary
£ 381.96	Employee 2	Salary
£ 416.73	Employee 3	Salary
£ 245.02	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI
£ 148.09	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 18.10	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 181.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Ecclestone Scout and Guide HQ	Newsletter delivery

£ 250.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Grant
£ 29.00	CPRE	Annual subscription
£ 47.01	United Utilities	Water services charges
£ 293.00	Chorley Council	Business rates

67.09. Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

09/00361/FUL Single storey side extensions at 34 Beechfields.

09/00377/FUL Rear conservatory at 25 Drapers Avenue.

Councillors had no comment relating to these applications.

68.09 Speed Indicator Device

Councillors considered a resident's request for an additional deployment site on Bradley Lane.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council be requested to add the additional site to the list of sites.

Councillors considered a request, from the local Police, for an additional deployment site on Sagar Street. Doubts were expressed regarding the suitability of Sagar Street for deployment however Lancashire County Council is to be asked to inspect the viability.

Councillors considered the purchase of a Clever Speed Indicator Device, which will log traffic speeds, and mounting plates.

Resolved: a Clever Speed Indicator Device, at a cost of £2995 (+VAT and delivery) and six mounting plates, costing £40 each (+VAT and delivery) be purchased.

69.09 Recreation Fields Boundary Hedge

Councillors considered a request from residents of Richmond Road to replace a section of the hedge to the rear of the Changing Rooms with Flowering Cherry trees. The request was denied.

70.09 Parish Council Website

The format, content and name for a website for the Council was considered. Councillors are to provide pictures of the village for the home page and Councillor details as per the noticeboards will be displayed.

Resolved: the name 'ecclestonparishcouncil.org.uk', at a cost of £7.99 (+VAT) for a two year period be applied for.

Hosting facilities were considered.

Resolved: hosting facilities be applied for via Freeola on an 0845 local call rate dial up basis.

71.09 Appointment of Changing Rooms Management Group

Councillors Haines and Monks were appointed, with Cllr Bradley as reserve member.

72.09. Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Crime figures presented to the Police and Communities Together meeting differed from those presented at the Parish Council meeting, with an additional burglary and a fraud at the Bank being mentioned at the PACT meeting.

61.09 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 July 2009.

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

..... (Chairman)