

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 14 May 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors W Mason, (Chairman), L Armstrong, P Ascroft, H Bradley, A Love, M Price.

Also present Borough Councillors H Caunce, K Iddon and K Joyce and 1 Member of the Public.

46.09 Election of Chairman for 2008-2009

Resolved: Cllr Mason be re-elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Mason signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Resolved: The Declaration of Acceptance of Office be received.

47.09 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors J Haines, R Monks and J Morris and PC Howard.

48.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

49.09 Election of Vice Chairman 2008-2009

Resolved: Cllr Armstrong be re-elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

50.08 Appointment of Recreation Ground and Open Spaces Committee for 2008-2009

Resolved: the following be appointed:

The Chairman and Councillors Armstrong, Love and Monks.

51.09 Appointment of Working Groups for 2009 - 2010

Changing Rooms Management Group - appointment was deferred to the next meeting.

Planning Group - Councillors Love and Price.

52.09 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Resolved: the following be appointed:

Chorley Council Equality Forum - Cllr Morris.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - Cllr Bradley.

Peter Lathom Trust - Cllr Love.

Tree Warden - Cllr Ascroft.

53.09 Minutes of the Meeting held 9 April 2009

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

54.09 Financial Matters

The Clerk evidenced receipt of the precept from Chorley Council.

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

Councillors considered a grant request from Ecclestone Scout Group towards the purchase of camping equipment.

Resolved: a donation of £250 be awarded.

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
£ 39.45	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 75.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit fee
£1239.57	Public Works Loans Board	Changing Rooms Loan repayment
£ 200.00	St Mary's Church PCC	Donation
£ 23.00	Argus Security Systems	Replacement standby battery
£ 480.00	Brothers of Charity Services	Hawthorns Play Area maintenance
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription
£1747.67	Broker Network Ltd	Annual insurance premium
£ 47.01	United Utilities	Water services charges
£ 293.00	Chorley Council	Business rates

55.09. Planning Matters

The following application was considered:

09/00255/FUL Erection of double detached garage at 19 Bradley Lane.

Councillors had no comment relating to this application.

Application 09/00274/OUT (Development of six houses and associated works at land 35m West of 18 Bannister Lane) had been withdrawn on the day of the meeting and was therefore not considered.

56.09 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2009

Councillors considered the report of the Internal Auditor (as circulated).

Resolved: the report be noted.

57.09 Lancashire Local - Chorley Highways Budget Allocation 2009/10

Councillors discussed suggestions for preferred schemes for consideration within the Lancashire County Council Highways Budget Allocation 2009/10. Suggestions included a footpath along New Lane, extension of the existing pavement on Bradley Lane to the Lancashire County Council playing field entrance gate and extension of the pavement on Bannister Lane to the bridge. The Clerk advised that the response from Lancashire County Council, to the request for the New Lane path, submitted last year, was that the costs are so high it cannot be provided from this particular budget.

Resolved: requests for extensions to the pavements on Bradley Lane and Bannister Lane be submitted.

Councillors considered the results of a Speed Limit Review of 'A' and 'B' Roads in Lancashire. The reduction in the speed limit on Southport Road was welcomed.

58.09 Public Participation

i) Police Matters

No report.

ii) Borough Councillors

The meeting with Northern Trust, the owner of the Sagar House site, is still to be arranged.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

A representative of Help Direct provided information on the newly established service which aims to provide a one stop shop service offering advice for all adults in Lancashire. The service intends to provide support, guidance and information on many items including health and fitness, learning and leisure, managing finances, mobility and transport, getting the right help and support and much more. Help Direct will put clients in touch with the right services or organisations to help with the issues.

59.09 Speed Indicator Device

Councillors considered the response from Lancashire County Council regarding nominated locations for mounting posts and suggestions for additional locations.

Resolved: the sites be confirmed as Bannister Green, outside 240 The Green, outside 243 The Green, outside 54/56 The Green and Doctors Lane, in the vicinity of Banner Close.

60.09. Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

A report was provided on the recent Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting. Concerns were raised that, in view of the relatively low crime figures, Police cover for the village may be reduced. The meeting was very poorly attended and concerns were expressed that, given the poor attendance, the meetings may be discontinued.

61.09 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 June 2009.

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

..... (Chairman)