

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Present Councillors W Mason (Chairman), L Armstrong, H Bradley, M Frost, J Haines, J Lilley, M Miller, R Monks, J Morris.

Also present County Councillor M Otter, County and Borough Councillor K Iddon, Borough Councillor K Joyce and PC J Howard.

### 115.09 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Ascroft, A Love and M Price.

### 116.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillors Frost and Monks, as members of St Mary the Blessed Virgin Parochial Church Council, declared personal interests in agenda item 8 (War Memorial).

### 117.09 Minutes of the Meeting held 10 September 2009

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

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

### 118.09 Public Participation

#### i) Police Matters

PC Howard provided details of the reported crimes for the month.

#### ii) County and Borough Councillors

Cllr Otter advised he had, in his capacity as Lancashire County Council's Champion for Parishes, awarded the Parish Council £785 towards the costs of the speed indicator device.

Borough Councillor Joyce's contribution, during a recent Development Control Committee meeting, resulting in the refusal of Lancashire County Council's application for development of the land at Bannister Lane, was acknowledged.

#### iii) Residents Points of Interest

Residents of Richmond Road had requested the Council reconsider its decision not to allow the replacement of part of the Recreation Fields hedge. In accordance with Standing Orders the decision may not be reconsidered for a period of six months from the original decision.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

### 119.09 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 Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility towards a shortfall in funding for the current year. Up to date financial information is to be obtained.

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:

£ 585.77	Employee 1	Salary
£ 381.96	Employee 2	Salary
£ 416.73	Employee 3	Salary
£ 262.61	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI
£ 7.20	Employee 2	Reimbursements

£ 100.00	Eccleston Scouts and Guides	Newsletter delivery
£ 102.71	British Gas	Gas bill
£ 53.51	United Utilities	Water useage charge
£ 293.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 47.01	United Utilities	Water services charge

120.09 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

09/00713/FUL New Rosewood PVC Edwardian Conservatory at 43 Richmond Road.

09/00725/FUL Two storey side extension at 14 Drapers Avenue.

Councillors had no comment relating to these applications.

121.09 Internal Audit

Councillors carried out the annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson be appointed and the fee be set at £80.

122.09 War Memorial

As the War Memorial stands on consecrated land, it is the responsibility of St Mary's Parochial Church Council and, therefore, the Parish Council may not adopt the Memorial. Up to date quotations for the cleaning of the Memorial and the re-etching of names are to be obtained and an application for financial assistance will be submitted to the Council.

123.09 Policies and Protocols

Existing policies and protocols were reviewed and found to be in order. Further policies are to be introduced on a meeting by meeting basis.

124.09 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed. Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £150 is to be made.

125.09 Allotment Provision

Over fifty residents have expressed an interest in having an allotment. Several areas of land have been put forward as potential allotment land in the Local Development Framework consultation. The Clerk is to contact the higher authorities regarding provision of allotment land.

126.09 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Lancashire Local - The Green is to benefit from permanent pothole patching under the Additional Highways Allocation budget.

127.09 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 November 2009.

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

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