

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 10 September 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors J Haines (Chairman), P Ascroft, H Bradley, M Frost, J Lilley, M Miller, J Morris.

Also present Borough Councillor H Counce, County and Borough Councillor K Iddon and 1 Member of the Public.

99.09 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Haines be elected as Chairman for this meeting.

100.09 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, A Love, W Mason, R Monks, M Price, Borough Councillor K Joyce, PC J Howard and PCSO A Catterall.

101.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillors Bradley and Morris, as members of Creative Minds, declared personal interests in an item forming part of agenda item 10.

102.09 Councillor Vacancy

Councillors considered an application for co-option from Mr Mike Miller.

Resolved: Mr Mike Miller be co-opted.

103.09 Minutes of the Meeting held 13 August 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.

104.09 Public Participation

i) Police Matters

No report.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

A representative from Villages in Partnership provided details of assistance available for elderly residents regarding the impending digital switchover. Councillors were asked for assistance in identifying elderly residents who may require assistance in handling the switchover and groups for whom presentations could be arranged.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

105.09 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

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
£ 316.17	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 14.76	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 181.00	SprintPrint	Newsletter printing
£ 69.00	Ark Welding	Play equipment repair
£ 17.25	Tell Tale Signs	Stencil
£ 174.77	E.on Energy	Electricity bill
£ 293.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 47.01	United Utilities	Water services charge

106.09 Planning Matters

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

The following applications were considered:

09/00656/FUL Two storey side extension at Bannister Green Farm, Bannister Lane.

Councillors had no comment relating to this application.

09/00678/FUL Replacement agricultural workers dwelling, re-use and relocation of former dwelling as fishing training centre at Orcheton House Farm, Wood Lane, Heskin.

Councillors had no objections to this application, subject to the approval of Lancashire County Council Highways regarding access and traffic issues.

107.09 Local Development Framework - Community Survey

Areas of land suitable for uses other than housing or commercial development were discussed.

Resolved: the field between the entrance to The Hawthorns and Tincklers Lane is to be submitted as allotment land. Existing play areas and recreational facilities at The Hawthorns, Middlewood Close and the Recreation Ground are to be submitted as playspace and recreational open space. The land known locally as 'Long Meadows' is to be submitted as informal recreational space.

108.09 Councillor/Employee Relations Protocol

A voluntary protocol, drafted by the Monitoring Officer on behalf of Chorley Council's Standards Committee, was considered.

Resolved: the Councillor/Employee Relations Protocol be adopted, with general contact times of up to 8.00pm on weekdays stipulated.

109.09 Village Events Group

The inaugural meeting provided suggestions for events have included a river festival for the River Yarrow, resurrection of the Tour de Village, in its original guise as a family day and Eccleston Apple Day. The Christmas Carol Concert is to be repeated. A questionnaire is to be arranged to ascertain the type of events which would be popular with residents, which may be distributed with the Parish Council's December newsletter. Additional members of the group would be welcomed.

Councillors considered an application for funding towards Eccleston Apple Day 2009, which is to involve local schools. Additional funding is being sought from other sources.

Resolved: the Parish Council is to cover any shortfall in funding, to be provided from the Village Events budget, to a maximum of £500, subject to the balance of the funding being obtained from outside sources.

110.09 North West Plan Partial Review

Councillors considered a consultation on the Submitted Draft Plan. Councillors are to advise the Clerk of observations for submission.

111.09 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

Councillor Miller completed his Acceptance of Office and took his place on the Council.

112.09 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved: Members of the public be excluded for the following item of business in accordance with Part 1, Paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

113.09 Will Trust

Councillors received a report regarding a will trust.

114.09 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 October 2009.

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

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