

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 9 December 2010 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors W Mason (Chairman), L Armstrong, P Ascroft, H Bradley, M Frost, J Haines, J Lilley, A Love.

Also present Borough and County Councillor K Iddon, Chorley Council Officers I Heywood and D Porter, Chorley Civic Society Chairman S Wellerd and 3 members of the Public.

141.10 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors R Monks and J Morris and PCSO A Catterall.

142.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

143.10 Minutes of the Meeting held 11 November 2010

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.

144.10 Public Participation

Residents Points of Interest

Residents advised of issues regarding the amended planning application for the development of the Sagar House site, particularly that the amendments were not clear. Officers from Chorley Council agreed to look into the issues, but advised residents to pass on their views.

Chorley Council Officers I Heywood and D Porter provided information on the Core Strategy for Central Lancashire and the Sites for Chorley consultation. Councillors queried the process of selecting a criteria for the sifting process.

Mr Wellerd provided information regarding the Civic Society, which provides recognition for local schemes in the form of bi-annual Awards Certificates. The Society is looking for new members.

Two residents from Red House Lane were extremely upset at the cutting back of the hedge on the Millennium Green. The Clerk had explained the cutting back was part of the long overdue maintenance works. Several other residents had advised that they were pleased with the works.

A resident from Red House Lane had expressed concerns that the removal of the Millennium Green entrance gates may lead to travellers gaining access onto the land. The Clerk advised temporary fencing had been arranged.

County and Borough Councillors

No matters raised.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

145.10 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was 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:

£ 561.81	Employee 1	Salary
£ 383.67	Employee 2	Salary
£ 418.91	Employee 3	Salary

£ 250.16	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 219.31	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 10.00	Employee 3	Reimbursements
£ 17.50	Euxton Parish Council	Councillor training
£ 158.63	Wicksteed Leisure	Play area safety inspections
£ 283.00	Eccleston Scout and Guide HQ	Grant
£ 160.25	E.on	Electricity bill
£ 1642.20	D W Groundwork	Works to Millennium Green
£ 3.60	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 137.96	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£ 44.67	United Utilities	Water services charge

146.10 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

10/00972FUL Conversion of existing barn and outbuildings to single residential dwelling at Ingrave Farm, New Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to this application.

A response from the Head of Planning, Chorley Council to a query regarding the effectiveness of the Eccleston Village Design Statement was considered.

Resolved: the response be noted.

147.10 2011-2012 Precept

Councillors are to pass on details of suggestions for larger expenditure to the Clerk.

148.10 Winter Gritting

Information received from the Council's insurers regarding gritting and snow clearance was considered.

Lancashire County Council is currently evaluating the Parish Council interest in assisting with winter gritting of areas in the vicinity of community facilities not currently covered by.

The provision of grit bins and grit to be located on estate roads was also discussed. Enquiries are to be made with Lancashire County Council.

149.10 Nine Lessons and Carols

An invitation, for a Member of the Council to read the Seventh Lesson, had been received. Cllr Lilley is to do the reading.

150.10 Village Policing

Councillors discussed police provision within the village. A report to the recent PACT meeting revealed most of the reported crime concerns minor incidents, which appear to be being satisfactorily dealt with by the current Officers. No further action is to be taken at this stage.

151.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

152.10 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 January 2011.

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