

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 8 July 2010 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present Borough Councillor Caunce and 3 Members of the Public.

82.10 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Ascroft, J Haines, J Morris, Borough and County Councillor K Iddon and PCSO A Catterall.

83.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Bradley, as Chairman of Creative Minds, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 5 (Financial Matters).

84.10 Minutes of the Meeting held 10 June 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.

85.10 Public Participation

i) Residents Points of Interest

Residents provided details of objections to the planning application, submitted by Lancashire County Council, for the development of the site off Bannister Lane. Concerns were expressed that the revised proposals remained similar to the original, subsequently withdrawn, application and that the issues of parking, housing type, impact on local services and increased vehicular movements on Larkfield has not been addressed. The residents stressed they were not against development of the area in general, but on a more acceptable basis. Councillors advised that the Parish Council's objections to the application, on the grounds that the design of the properties and the density of the development, are not in keeping with neighbouring properties on Larkfield, have already been submitted to the Planning Officer. The residents thanked the Council for its assistance.

A resident expressed concerns regarding dog fouling and inconsiderate dog walkers leaving bags of dog waste at the entrance gate to a field off Bradley Lane, and requested the Council installs a dog waste bin. The resident was advised that the field in question is the School playing field and is under the control of Lancashire County Council.

ii) Police Matters

No reports.

iii) County and Borough Councillors

No reports.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

86.10 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

Councillors considered a grant request from Creative Minds for financial support towards the costs of Ecclestone English Apple Day 2010, should other funding applications prove unsuccessful.

Resolved: a donation of £500, to be apportioned to the Village Activities budget, 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:

£ 561.81	Employee 1	Salary
£ 383.87	Employee 2	Salary
£ 418.91	Employee 3	Salary
£ 250.56	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI
£ 3.60	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 187.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Eccleston Scout and Guide HQ	Newsletter delivery
£ 25.00	Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility	Grant
£ 88.12	Ark Welding	Repair to leg press
£ 229.09	British Gas	Gas bill
£ 432.35	United Utilities	Water meter charge
£ 44.67	United Utilities	Water services charge

87.10 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

10/00486/FUL Variation to site boundary fence from 1.4m to 1.8m high at Rawstone Gardens Development, Lawrence Lane.

10/00523/FUL Demolition of the existing garage and the erection of a two storey side extension and front canopy at 2 Richmond Road.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

88.10 Millennium Green

The documentation enabling the Council to assume the sole trusteeship of the Millennium Green Trust has been signed by the Council and the Trustees and forwarded to Natural England for processing.

89.10 Open Spaces Committee

Councillors considered a revision to the current membership of the Committee. A suggestion that the Chairman of the Council should not qualify for an automatic place was made.

Resolved: the Open Spaces Committee will comprise of four of appointed members.

Councillors considered a replacement member of the Committee.

Resolved: Cllr Frost be appointed.

Costings for the Goal End were considered. An alternative specification is to be provided by the Committee for further quotes.

Croston Carvers had advised they were not able to assist with the village entrance stones and provided details of a stone mason who may assist.

90.10 Speed Indicator Device

Various examples of reports from the deployment of the device on Towngate were provided.

Councillors requested a single page summary, prepared by the Clerk from the data collected, for each location.

91.10 Council Meetings

A suggestion was made to reduce the number of Ordinary meetings during the year, possibly with breaks in summer and mid winter, in line with many parish councils in the borough. A proposal to remove the August meeting was not seconded.

92.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

PACT Meeting - PC Plummer, the Lostock area Community Beat Manager is currently looking after the village. Twelve crimes were reported including the theft of four cycles, shoplifting, drive offs from the Filling Station and four reports of anti social behaviour, one of which related to Drapers Avenue.

93.10 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 August 2010.

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

..... (Chairman)