

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 11 November 2010 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors L Armstrong (Chairman), M Frost, J Lilley, A Love, M Miller, J Morris, R Monks.

Also present Borough and County Councillor K Iddon, Police Sergeant A Bramall and Borough Councillor S Walsh (Chorley Council Standards Committee Mentor).

130.10 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Ascroft, H Bradley, J Haines and W Mason.

131.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

132.10 Minutes of the Meeting held 14 October 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.

133.10 Public Participation

The Chorley Council Standards Committee Mentor advised that the Standards Board for England was to be dissolved and further information as to how complaints would be dealt with was awaited.

Police Matters

The Neighbourhood Police Officer has been redeployed to Skelmersdale and the Neighbourhood Officer from Croston will continue to cover Ecclestone. The signage is to be removed from the Police Station. Results of the Corporate Spending Review are awaited but it is hoped Neighbourhood Policing will not be subject to cuts.

County and Borough Councillors

No matters raised.

Residents Points of Interest

A resident had queried the locations of the Speed Indicator Device mounting plates, and why there were none further along The Green towards Heskin.

A resident had suggested the Parish Council looks into repositioning the Milestone at the junction of Towngate and The Hawthorns as it appears to be pointing in the wrong direction.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

134.10 Financial Matters

The Public Works Loan Board had requested future loan repayments be paid by direct debit.

Resolved: future payments to the Public Works Loan Board be made by direct debit

Councillors considered a grant request from Ecclestone Scout Group towards the purchase of replacement tables.

Resolved: a grant of £283 be awarded.

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
£ 249.96	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 3.60	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 457.08	Prosperity Recycling	Bench
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loans Board	Loan repayment
£ 235.00	D W Groundwork	Spring planting
£ 47.66	Euxton Parish Council	Brushes and waste sacks
£ 258.50	Collinwood Electrical	Repairs to extractor fans
£ 285.53	Argus Security Systems	Replacement fire alarm panel
£ 150.00	Royal British Legion	Donation and wreath
£ 137.96	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£ 44.67	United Utilities	Water services charge

135.10 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

10/00918FUL - 10/00920/FUL Erection of agricultural livestock buildings at Ingrave Farm, New Lane (3 applications).

10/00921/FUL Erection of agricultural storage building at Ingrave Farm, New Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

10/00962/FUL Proposed conversion of existing barn in to two dwellings at Dig Leach Farm, Parr Lane.

Resolved: as this application lies within the designated Green Belt the Clerk is to contact the Planning Officer to ensure Policy DC7A (i and iii) of the Chorley Local Plan, covering conversion of rural buildings is complied with.

136.10 Christmas Carol Concert

The Concert will take place on Monday 20 December 2010. Members of Eccleston Brass Band will provide musical accompaniment and St Mary's C of E Primary School Hall will be available in the event of bad weather.

137.10 Sites for Chorley Development Plan

A staffed exhibition will be arranged on Thursday 9 December 2010 prior to the Parish Council Meeting where Planning Policy Officers will be on hand to answer queries and hear views from Councillors and members of the public.

138.10 The Future of Police Community Support Officers in Chorley

Councillors considered a suggestion to support the retention of the local PCSO's. Councillors emphasised the value of the PCSO in keeping crime figures down in the recent absence of the local Police Officer. The PCSO deals, generally, with low level local crime, including anti social behaviour, which is most relevant to the village, and has a strong possibility of increasing with the growth of the village resulting from recent planning applications which have been approved.

Resolved: support for the retention of the local PCSO's be communicated to Lancashire Constabulary.

139.10 Open Spaces Committee

Work on items from the initial priorities list was approved. A survey of the fruit trees had been completed. In order for some dead or damaged trees to be replanted, major drainage works will be required to the area to the right hand side of the entrance.

140.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Intergenerational Activities - due to spending cuts the scheme will not be extended to neighbouring villages. The Ecclestone scheme will be retained due to the success and the impact of the Committee and participants.

The Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting received information on the 2011 Census, Locality Working and the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies consultation. Information was provided relating to the Parish Council's complaint that parish council and resident's views regarding planning applications appear to go unheeded.

141.10 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 December 2010.

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