

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 14 October 2010 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors L Armstrong (Chairman), P Ascroft, H Bradley, M Frost, A Love, M Miller, J Morris, R Monks.

Also present Borough Councillor K Joyce, PCSO A Catterall and 10 Members of the Public.

116.10 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors J Haines and W Mason.

117.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

118.10 Minutes of the Meeting held 9 September 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.

119.10 Public Participation

i) Residents Points of Interest

A resident advised of his concerns with a recent meeting of Chorley Council's Development Control Committee which considered the application to build on land between Larkfield and Bannister Lane. The concerns revolved around information contained within the reports to the Committee which the resident felt to be incorrect.

A number of residents expressed objections to the proposal for the Reserved Matters planning application for the former Sagar House site. The residents acknowledged the outline permission is now in place but have issues with certain housing types and sizes which will be directly overlooking existing properties on Shelley Drive. Concerns were also raised regarding land subsidence and slippage in the area. The residents would prefer the hedge line to be continued and the ditch reinstated. Further protection for the few remaining Great Crested Newts was requested.

A resident mentioned problems with vehicles driving along the pavement and parking inconsiderately in the vicinity of the One Stop Shop. The resident had been struck by a vehicle which had reversed into him and driven off, apparently oblivious to the incident.

ii) County and Borough Councillors

Residents and the Parish Council were urged to keep fighting development in the village.

iii) Police Matters

Five crimes were reported.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

120.10 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

Councillors considered a request from Ecclestone Youth Centre for the release of the grant of £150 towards the Older People's Christmas Party.

Resolved: the grant of £150, to be apportioned to the Village Activities budget, be approved.

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
£ 418.71	Employee 3	Salary
£ 249.96	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 12.95	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 87.13	British Gas	Gas bill
£ 52.88	Argus Security Systems	Fire alarm callout charge
£ 100.00	Eccleston Youth Centre	Replacement cheque
£ 150.00	Eccleston Youth Centre	Grant
£ 137.96	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£ 44.67	United Utilities	Water services charge

121.10 Planning Matters

Councillors discussed the Village Design Statement and its relevance in the planning process. The colour of brick used in the Rawstorne Gardens development (site of the Former Church Hall, Lawrence Lane) has been observed as not to be in keeping with the Statement.

Resolved: Chorley Council is to be questioned as to why the materials are not in keeping with the Village Design Statement. Future planning responses should contain references to materials.

The following applications were considered:

10/00724/FUL Demolition of the existing rear external staircase and erection of new staircase to side elevation at Tincklers House Tincklers Lane.

10/00758/FUL Erection of agricultural livestock building at Winter View Farm, Parr Lane.

10/00824/FUL Erection of Stables at Fir Tree Cottage, Wrenalls Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

10/00866REMMAJ Reserved matters application for the erection of 70 dwellings (1.5 storey, 2 storey and 3.0 storey) with associated roads and open spaces at Sagar House, Langton Brow.

Resolved: the Parish Council's objection to the design of Plot 40, a proposed two storey dwelling directly overlooking a property on Shelley Drive, and Plots 41 - 68, proposed 1.5 storey dwellings, to the rear of properties on Langton Brow be lodged with the request for replacement with single storey dwellings. The Parish Council's request for the removal of permitted development rights to install dormers to the rear of all these properties, the reinstatement of the hedge line and ditch to the rear of these properties, and materials used in the development are in accordance with the Village Design Statement also be submitted.

122.10 Internal Audit

Councillors conducted 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.

123.10 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.

124.10 Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity

A response to a consultation by the Department for Communities and Local Government was considered. Councillors had no comments.

125.10 Open Spaces Committee

An order has been placed for the construction of the Goal End. A priority list for works to the Millennium Green has been drawn up, with health and safety issues given top priority. A contractor has been appointed for the winter planting of the Village Green. The annual safety inspection report is being awaited prior to considering works to the play area.

126.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - Inspector Harris advised the Police are awaiting the results of the Comprehensive Spending Review, Chorley Council's Rural Housing Needs Study was also discussed.

Eccleston Cricket Club received the award for Best Cricket Ground in this year's Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition.

Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting - Councillors are to ask why parish council and residents views regarding planning applications appear to be being ignored.

127.10 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.

128.10 Will Trust

Councillors received a report regarding a will trust.

129.10 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 November 2010.

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