

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Councillors W Mason (Chairman), P Ascroft, M Frost, J Haines, J Lilley, A Love, M Miller, J Morris, R Monks.

Also present 8 Members of the Public.

106.10 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors H Bradley, Borough and County Councillor K Iddon and PCSO A Catterall.

107.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

108.10 Minutes of the Meeting held 12 August 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.

109.10 Public Participation

i) Residents Points of Interest

Members of the Over 60's Group requested advice on the day-to-day running of Bateman Hall. The Committee is finding it increasingly difficult to manage, what is, a very busy and successful building. Councillors suggested appealing for new committee members and offered to place articles in the next newsletter and on the noticeboards. An alternative suggestion was to employ someone to manage the building and bookings.

A resident mentioned the Parish Council's website, which is still under development, and offered assistance. The resident also queried the current situation regarding allotments in the village and drew attention to a lack of progress at Chorley Council.

Residents mentioned a recent consultation event where alternative proposals for development of the Sagar House site were presented, containing 2.5 storey houses. The residents were advised the Council has, to date, received no notification of any changes to the existing application.

ii) County and Borough Councillors

Chorley Council has approved a grant of £9350, for replacement of safety surfacing on the Play Area, from the Play and Recreation Fund.

iii) Police Matters

No matters raised.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

110.10 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

£ 418.71	Employee 3	Salary
£ 250.36	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 187.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£ 139.98	Wicksteed Leisure	Replacement swing parts
£ 100.00	Eccleston Youth Centre	Grant
£ 198.61	E.On	Electricity bill
£ 337.80	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 133.03	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£ 44.67	United Utilities	Water services charge

111.10 Planning Matters

Councillors discussed a consultation regarding a Proposed Interim Policy for Private Residential Garden Development aimed at preventing large scale garden developments.

Resolved: the Council's support for the proposals be submitted.

The following applications were considered:

10/00626/FUL - 10/00628/FUL Erection of agricultural livestock buildings at Ingrave Farm, New Lane (3 applications).

10/00629/FUL Erection of agricultural storage building for hay and straw at Ingrave Farm, New Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

112.10 Lancashire County Council Winter Service

Councillors considered a suggestion to become involved in a pilot scheme to assist with winter gritting of areas in the vicinity of community facilities not currently covered by Lancashire County Council. Areas suggested included around the Schools, the Doctor's Surgery and The Fields.

Resolved: an expression of interest be submitted.

113.10 Lancashire County Council School Transport Consultation

A consultation regarding the withdrawal of travel subsidies for denominational schools pupils was discussed. Councillors expressed concerns regarding the impact on poorer families and an increase in vehicle journeys, together with the loss of choice this may involve.

Resolved: the Council's objections to the proposed withdrawal of travel subsidies for denominational school pupils be submitted.

114.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Intergenerational Activities - a Tea Dance Exchange Day has been arranged. Knit and Natter needs a boost to move on to the next stage of working with pupils.

PACT Meeting - Thefts occurred at the Institute, Co-op and premises on New Lane.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils AGM is to be combined with the Lancashire County Council Parish and Town Council Conference on 6 November 2010.

115.10 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 October 2010.

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

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