

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also present County and Borough Councillor K Iddon and 1 Member of the Public.

01.10 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong and M Price and PC Howard.

02.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

03.10 Minutes of the Meeting held 10 December 2009

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.

04.10 Public Participation

i) Residents Points of Interest

No points raised

ii) Police Matters

No matters raised

iii) County and Borough Councillors

Lancashire County Council is to investigate whether bollards can be installed to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement to reduce the effect of the speed humps. Responsibility for the surfacing of the entrance road to the Carrington centre is to be investigated.

Chorley Council's Development Control Committee deferred a decision on the Sagar House planning application to allow Members to visit the site. This revised application now proposes a reduced number of dwellings and an increase in the number of affordable homes. The application for Orcheton House Farm was refused.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

05.10 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
£ 381.96	Employee 2	Salary
£ 416.73	Employee 3	Salary
£ 247.59	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI
£ 7.20	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 130.00	Ecclestone Scout and Guide HQ	Newsletter delivery
£ 200.00	Ecclestone Brass Band	Donation
£ 100.00	St Mary's C of E Primary School	Donation

£ 270.25	J H Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£ 604.44	Argus Security Systems	Alarm system repair and contract
£ 401.36	E.On	Electricity bill
£ 120.50	United Utilities	Water usage charge
£ 293.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 47.01	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 80.00	PRM	Plumbing repairs

06.10 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

09/00802/FULMAJ Outline application for the erection of 70 dwellings with associated roads and open spaces at Pontins Ltd, Sagar House, Langton Brow.

Resolved: due to the number of proposed properties a designated on-site play area be requested.

09/00998/FULMAJ Erection of 10 dwellings and associated infrastructure, including demolition of existing buildings at St Mary's Church Hall, Lawrence Lane. Councillors had no material objections to this application however mitigation for the loss of the play space, as referred to in the previous application allowed under appeal, is to be requested.

07.10 Parish Precept 2010 - 2011

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year.

Additional funding is to be provided for play equipment and for the Millennium Green.

Resolved: the Precept for 2010 - 2011 be set at £43240, a reduction of £600 on last year's Precept figure.

08.10 Millennium Green

As the papers are still with the Council's solicitor for inspection the signing of the Trustee agreement was deferred.

09.10 Hedge to Rear of Changing Rooms

Councillors reconsidered a request, from residents, to replace a length of hedge to the rear of the Changing Rooms with Flowering Cherry trees. An initial request had been declined and, following a six month period since the original refusal, a further request may be considered. The previous concerns regarding the future maintenance and responsibility for the trees remained and Councillors also felt it inappropriate to plant non-native trees.

10.10 Streetscene Delegated Services Protocol

A consultation document whereby the Parish Council may bid to provide services which are currently the responsibility of Lancashire County Council was considered. The Parish Council is expected to identify the services and develop a business case which would require the obtaining of quotations or tenders, completion of risk assessments and identification of Health and Safety procedures and the cost of the service to Lancashire County Council. It was felt that, as information regarding costings and procedures is already available to the County Council, the procedure should be amended whereby the Parish Council is provided with this information upon completion of an expression of interest.

11.10 Joint Lancashire Mineral and Waste Development Framework

Councillors considered a consultation document regarding possible minerals and waste site allocations and development management policies. Nothing was found in the document directly affecting the village and the details of the document were noted.

12.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Transgenerational Activities - activities to take place are a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Making Session, Mixed Dancing, Knitting Sessions in the Library and events involving younger residents helping older people with computing and mobile phones.

13.10 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for an item of business, in accordance with Part 1(section 1) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: members of the public be excluded for the consideration of the following items.

14.10 Newsletter Articles

A response to correspondence from a member of the public regarding an article in the September newsletter concerning traffic calming measures was considered.

Resolved: the member of the public be advised the comments will be taken into account when responses from residents are considered by the Council at the February meeting.

15.10 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 February 2010.

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

..... (Chairman)