

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held 13 May 2010 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present Borough Councillor K Joyce, PS A Bramhall and 1 Member of the Public.

56.10 Election of Chairman for 2010 - 2011

Resolved: Cllr Mason be re-elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Mason signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Resolved: The Declaration of Acceptance of Office be received.

57.10 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors J Haines and M Price, Borough Councillors H Caunce and K Iddon and PCSO A Catterall.

58.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Bradley, as a Millennium Green Trustee, declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 13 (Millennium Green) and Cllr Miller, as a relative of a Millennium Green Trustee, declared a personal interest in agenda item 13 (Millennium Green).

Resolved: Agenda items 8 and 9 be brought forward

59.10 Minutes of the Meeting held 8 April 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.

60.10 Public Participation

i) Residents Points of Interest

A resident queried when the 'No Ball Games' sign would be erected on the car park. Councillors advised the sign was in the Council's possession and was awaiting erection by Lancashire County Council.

The resident handed in a communication signed by a number of residents of Drapers Avenue. Councillors advised that the matters raised were already being attended to.

Concerns were expressed regarding the impact of the drainage currently being installed on Lawrence Lane on the existing system. United Utilities has confirmed the system has capacity.

An overgrown pavement on Doctors Lane, by Cricketers Green, has been reported to Lancashire County Council.

Residents of New Street had advised the surface of the road is in need of repair.

ii) Police Matters

Sergeant Bramhall outlined policing within the borough. Ecclestone is covered by the Southern Division, based at Coppull Police Station. The village is an extremely low crime area within Lancashire which, itself has one of the lowest crime rates nationally. Crimes generally consist of vehicle related crimes and youth nuisance, with Drapers Avenue being a highlighted area for youth nuisance.

iii) County and Borough Councillors

Borough Councillor Joyce is in communication with United Utilities regarding problems with drains and sewers. According to United Utilities there have been very few reports of problems.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

61.10 Election of Vice Chairman for 2010 - 2011

Resolved: Cllr Armstrong be re-elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

62.10 Appointment of Recreation Ground and Open Spaces Committee for 2010 - 2011

Resolved: the Chairman and Councillors Love, Miller and Morris be appointed.

Resolved: the Committee be renamed the Open Spaces Committee.

63.10 Appointment of Working Groups for 2010 - 2011

Changing Rooms Management Group - Councillors Haines, Love and Monks.

Village Events group - Councillors Armstrong, Lilley and Morris

Lead Member (Planning) - Councillor Miller.

64.10 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2010 - 2011

Resolved: the following be appointed:

Chorley Council Equality Forum - Cllr Morris.

Intergenerational Events - Councillors Lilley, Monks and Morris

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - Cllr Bradley.

Peter Lathom Trust - Cllr Love.

Tree Warden - Cllr Ascroft.

65.10 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:

£ 562.01	Employee 1	Salary
£ 385.79	Employee 2	Salary
£ 421.09	Employee 3	Salary
£ 252.11	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI
£ 66.12	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 75.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment
£ 750.00	St Mary's PCC	Grant
£ 645.84	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 1816.24	Broker Network	Annual insurance premium
£ 41.12	Ark Welding	Repairs to bench
£ 469.94	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 466.48	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription
£ 44.67	United Utilities	Water services charge

66.10 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

10/00291/CLPUD Application for certificate of lawfulness for single storey extensions to existing dwellings at Orcheton House Farm, Wood Lane, Heskin.

Councillors had no comments relating to this application.

67.10 Annual return for the year Ended 31 March 2010

Councillors considered the Annual Return and report of the Internal Auditor (as circulated).

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: the report of the Internal Auditor be noted.

68.10 Millennium Green

A draft Trustee agreement has been prepared by Natural England, containing the revisions to remove the liabilities as requested by the Council. The draft has been agreed by the Chairman of the Millennium Green Trust and a new agreement is to be prepared.

69.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Equality and Diversity Forum - a Domestic Violence Group is being set up. Chorley Council is looking at allotment provision throughout the borough, and has a budget of £40,000.

Intergenerational Activities - a Dance Exchange is to be arranged.

Peter Lathom Trust - funds are now available and suitable recipients are being sought.

Apple Day will take place on 16 October 2010.

PACT Meeting -. Eleven crimes were reported including four thefts from vehicles and a shoplifter in Somerfields, who was apprehended by PCSO Catterall. Eight reports of anti social behaviour were reported on Drapers Avenue.

70.10 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 June 2010.

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

..... (Chairman)