

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 8 December 2011 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors W Mason (Chairman), L Armstrong, J Delve, M Frost, S. Harris, B Harrison, D Holborn, C Lilley, J Lilley, M Miller and R Monks.

Also present County and Borough Councillor K Iddon, Borough Councillor H Caunce.

157.11 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor A Barnes.

158.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

159.11 Minutes of the Meeting held 10 November 2011

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

160.11 Public Participation

As a result of advice received from several planning consultants and a barrister, indicating a very low chance of success in fighting the appeal of the refusal of the planning application for the redevelopment of the Carrington Centre, and the potential costs of doing so, Chorley Council is not to contest the appeal.

Information was supplied regarding the implementation of 20mph zones around schools and residential areas by Lancashire County Council.

161.11 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

Councillors reviewed options for the supply of electricity to the Changing Rooms.

Resolved: a 12 month fixed price contract, from E.on Energy, for the electricity supply be approved, with payments to be made by monthly direct debit.

Resolved: the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements:

£ 581.85	Employee 1	Salary
£ 417.24	Employee 2	Salary
£ 457.06	Employee 3	Salary
£ 218.60	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 346.03	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 14.60	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 150.00	Ecclestone Over 60's	Older People's Christmas Party
£ 162.00	Ark Welding	Replacement knee rail fence
£ 67.20	Euxton Parish Council	Councillor training
£ 216.00	Croston Plumbing and Heating	Boiler repair and service
£ 307.80	J H Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£ 200.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Ecclestone Scouts and Guide HQ	Newsletter delivery
£ 50.00	Friends of St Mary the Virgin	Subscription
£ 315.00	DWG (NW)	Millennium Green Works
£ 60.55	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 46.32	United Utilities	Surface water charge

162.11 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

11/00968/ADV Installation of 4 illuminated fascia signs and 1 projection sign at 228 The Green.

11/00979/FUL Retrospective application for 1.4m high fence in front garden at 53 Richmond Road.

11/00996/FUL Installation of 11kW wind turbine at Ingrave Farm, New Lane.

11/001017/COU Change of use from residential dwelling house to solicitor's office (Class A2 use) at 215 The Green.

11/001032/FUL Proposed single storey side extension at 22 Sagar Street.

11/01038/TPO Works to 5 trees covered by TPO 1(Eccleston) 2009 at Sagar House, Langton Brow.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

11/01009/COU Change of use of vacant shop (Class A1) to a café (Class A3) at Oceans Apart, 267 - 271 The Green.

Resolved: the Parish Council's concerns regarding the parking space, which requires vehicles to reverse either in or out of the space, across the pavement onto The Green in the immediate vicinity of a road junction, be lodged.

163.11 2012 - 2013 Precept

Councillors provided suggestions for possible major items for inclusion in the Precept, to enable prices to be obtained for the precept discussions. Suggestions included drainage for the Millennium Green and new play equipment. A figure of £3000 was suggested for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

164.11 Diamond Jubilee Working Group

Councillors considered the granting of Committee status to the Working Group to devolve decision making powers relating to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, including authority to approve spending from relevant associated budgets.

Resolved: Committee status be granted, with devolved decision making powers on all matters appertaining to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and authority to approve spending from the Village Activities budget, with terms of reference on this basis.

The appointment of members to the Committee was considered.

Resolved: Councillors Armstrong, Delve, Holborn, Miller and Monks be appointed.

Councillors considered the booking of a children's entertainer for the event at a cost of £300, and swingboats, coconut shy and candyfloss stall at a cost of £500.

Resolved: the bookings be approved.

165.11 Open Spaces Committee

Investigations into the field drainage ditch on the Millennium Green bordering Newlands have revealed complications regarding ownership of the ditch, which will require further investigation. The Willows adjacent to both entrances have been cut back, and the raised bed by the Beechfields entrance tidied. The possibility of a play area on the Millennium Green is to be looked into. The Committee is looking into the possibility of updating and re-publishing maps of walks around the parish.

166.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

A report was provided from the first meeting of the Three Tier Forum. Currently the items for discussion revolve around public realm issues.

Chorley Council's Standards Committee was provided with details of changes to the Standards regime brought about by the Localism Act. The current Model Code of Conduct will be revoked. Parish Councils will be required to adopt a new code of conduct.

The PACT Meeting was advised crime remains very low with only four reported crimes.

167.11 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 January 2012.

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

..... (Chairman)