

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 10 February 2011 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present County and Borough Councillor K Iddon, Borough Councillor K Joyce and 38 members of the Public.

16.11 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor J Haines and PCSO A Catterall.

17.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

18.11 Minutes of the Meeting held 13 January 2011

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.

19.11 Public Participation

Residents Points of Interest

Members of the Youth Club informed the meeting of concerns regarding the possible closure, or reduction in opening, of the Club. The Members advised of the numerous benefits of the Club and requested the Parish Council's support in attempts to retain the facility.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

Resolved: Agenda Item 8 be brought forward.

20.11 Reorganisation and Restructure of the Lancashire Young People's Service

Councillors considered a response to a Lancashire County Council consultation document.

Resolved: the response to the consultation is to stress that the Youth and Community Centre provides valuable service to younger and older people, not only from Ecclestone, but also from neighbouring villages. The existing, highly successful, youth and community facility contributes to the relatively low levels of anti social behaviour and, as a minimum, the existing service provision should be maintained. Developments, to date, and pending and future relatively large developments, will result in increases in the requirement for youth and community provision.

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

A resident mentioned the car park light is staying on into the early hours of the morning.

Residents attending the recent Carrington Centre redevelopment consultation event raised concerns regarding the effectiveness of the event. The residents criticised the consultation as being limited with details not widely circulated, the room was overcrowded with some residents not able to see the plans and it was difficult to hand in consultation responses. Residents felt the redevelopment could change the character of the village, will affect neighbours and other residents, will impact on the existing businesses, may price the existing shops out of the market, leading to a loss of businesses and fears were expressed that the three storey building will dominate the village centre. Car parking is already a problem on Bradley Lane and Middlewood Close and additional traffic would impact on The Green at the entrance to the Carrington Centre. The re-use of bricks was suggested to retain the existing character of the Centre. Fears were expressed that the village will grow into a small town, and the inclusion as a hub in the Local Development Framework reinforces the fears. It was mentioned the playing field may be donated to the village for community use.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

Resolved: Agenda Item 7 be brought forward.

21.11 Carrington Centre

Councillors considered a response to the Northern Trust Consultation Event.

Resolved: the response to Northern Trust is to be made in accordance with the issues raised by residents in that the consultation was 'selective' - details were not widely circulated, the room was overcrowded with some residents not able to see the plans. The redevelopment, in its proposed form, has the potential to change the character of the village and would destroy the existing character of the Carrington Centre. Concerns are to be expressed regarding the effect on the businesses and the continuity of the businesses currently in the Centre during the redevelopment and the impact on neighbouring properties in the form of noise during construction and then from delivery vehicles. There will be increased traffic, particularly on Bradley Lane and an impact on the existing local infrastructure (drainage/sewerage systems etc) and on local services (school places, doctors surgeries etc). The development would encroach into the playing fields/wildlife area. Residents would generally prefer to see less houses, more work units and a first floor location was not felt appropriate for a library.

22.11 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
£ 383.87	Employee 2	Salary
£ 418.91	Employee 3	Salary
£ 249.96	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 480.00	Brothers of Charity Services	Hawthorns Play Area maintenance
£ 5.72	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£ 44.67	United Utilities	Water services charge

23.11 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

11/00017/FUL Single storey rear extension at 3 Shelley Drive.

11/00036/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension and garden shed at 381A Langton Brow.

Councillors had no comments relating to this application.

24.11 Locality Working - Three Tier Forum

Councillors considered the nomination of a representative to represent Chorley Parish Councils on the proposed Lancashire County Council Three Tier Forum.

Resolved: Cllr Miller be nominated.

25.11 Changing Rooms Meeting Room

Councillors considered a suggestion for the Meeting Room to be used by the Intergenerational Group for occasional meetings.

Resolved: permission be granted.

26.11 Lancashire County Council Winter Service Pilot Scheme

The Clerk provided an update on the scheme. Three bins, located in the vicinity of both Schools and the Medical Centre, have been installed and filled by Lancashire County Council. The bins

are locked and, in the event of severe weather conditions, Parish Council employees will clear snow and grit the immediate areas if, and when, possible.

27.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

The Borough/Parish Liaison Meeting received information on the provision of grit bins by parish councils and an update on Neighbourhood Working.

The Intergenerational Group held a knitting event and discussions are continuing regarding the Tour de Village, which is to return to be held as a family event.

The PACT Meeting was advised of only two reported crimes, with no anti social behaviour.

The Youth Club is considering a 'street party' to celebrate the Royal Wedding and has tentatively enquired about the possibility of using the car park. A contribution towards the event may be requested. The matter will be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

28.11 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 March 2011.

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