

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 9 June 2011 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors L Armstrong (Chairman), M Frost, J Lilley, M Miller, and R Monks.

Also present 4 Members of the Public.

### 76.11 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor W Mason, Borough and County Councillor K Iddon and PCSO A Catterall.

### 77.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillor J Lilley, as a relative of an applicant, declared an interest in agenda item 4 (Councillor Vacancies) and, as an immediate neighbour, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of agenda item 6 (Planning Matters).

### 78.11 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held 12 May 2011

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

### 79.11 Councillor Vacancies

Applications from Steven Harris and Charles Lilley were considered.

Resolved: Steven Harris and Charles Lilley be co-opted.

### 80.11 Public Participation

Members of the EC3 Group advised they have a large document regarding the Carrington Centre application which they are willing to share. Parts of the application cut across the Local Plan and it is generally felt the size of the proposed supermarket is excessive to the needs of the village. Questions were raised on the financial information provided by the applicant. The special circumstances required to permit development on the safeguarded land seem to be that a financial subsidy, arising from the construction of the dwellings, is required to cover the costs of the redevelopment of the Centre. The special circumstances described in the Chorley Local Plan appear extremely difficult to define.

Councillors advised the residents that their comments would be taken into account when the application is considered.

A suggestion to reintroduce an annual fun fair was made.

A suggestion for celebrations to mark the Queens Jubilee was made.

A resident advised of overgrown bushes on the new pavement on Bradley Lane and queried protection of trees on the proposed development site for the Carrington Centre.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

Resolved: Agenda Item 7 be brought forward.

### 81.11 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

11/0186/FUL Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of larger single storey rear/side extension at Winyeats, Westminster Place.

11/00426/FUL Application to remodel the roof and raise the ridge height of the existing dwelling by approximately 1.3m to provide an additional bedroom and small bathroom. The construction of a front and rear dormer at 23 Red House Lane.

11/00452/FUL Application to remodel the roof and raise the ridge height of the existing dwelling by approximately 1.3m to provide an additional bedroom and small bathroom. The construction of a front and rear dormer at 23 Red House Lane.

11/00457/FUL Proposed side extension and alterations to roof height forming dormer bungalow at 6 Ince Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

11/00439/FUL Erection of first floor side extension incorporating balcony to rear (Resubmission of application no. 11/00253/FUL) at The Mill Race, Lydiate Lane.

Resolved: the concerns regarding the previous application be reiterated.

Councillor C Lilley, as an immediate neighbour, declared a personal interest in the following item.

11/00366/OUTMAJ Outline application for the erection of a replacement Local Centre Parade, Supermarket and up to 40 residential dwellings with associated areas of parking and servicing (all matter reserved apart from access). Full application for the relocation of existing pond to provide enhanced new pond at The Carrington Centre New Mill Street. Councillors raised no objections to the redevelopment of the commercial site however concerns were expressed that the application may hinge on the applicant's ability to demonstrate very special circumstances, under DC1 of the Local Plan, which do not appear definable from a planning point of view.

Resolved: the Parish Council's objections be lodged on the grounds of impact of the dwellings on local drainage and sewerage services, the visual impact of the dwellings in a recreational area, the impact of additional vehicles accessing the development via Bradley Lane (a Safeguarded Cycle Route under TR17 of the Local Plan), which currently experiences congestion. The Council would also suggest that very special circumstances should be defined as for the benefit of the village and/or residents and not to accommodate the financial requirements of an applicant.

## 82.11 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

Councillors considered a grant application from Creative Minds towards the costs of running the 8<sup>th</sup> English Apple Day.

The award of a grant of £300 was proposed.

An amendment to award a grant of £200 was proposed.

Resolved: a grant of £200 be awarded.

Replacement signatories for the bank mandate are to be dealt with at a future meeting due to problems obtaining the correct documentation from the Bank.

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:

£ 581.85	Employee 1	Salary
£ 393.00	Employee 2	Salary
£ 434.60	Employee 3	Salary
£ 207.20	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 300.00	DWG (NW)	Summer planting
£ 213.72	E.on	Electricity bill
£ 95.68	Lancashire Constabulary	Grant
£ 60.55	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 46.63	United Utilities	Surface water charge

83.11 Request to Use Facilities

A request from Eccleston Youth Club to use the Recreation Field and toilet facilities within the Changing Rooms on Saturday 9 July 2011 for a Fun Day was considered. Eccleston and Heskin FC had been contacted and had no objections.

Resolved: permission be granted, subject to the organisers ensuring the building is not left unattended at any time.

84.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Planning for the Eccleston Family Cycle Ride is continuing and volunteer marshals are needed.

85.11 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 July 2011.

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

..... (Chairman)