

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 10 March 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 Haines, J Lilley, A Love, M Miller, R Monks and J Morris.

Also present County and Borough Councillor K Iddon.

### 29.11 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from PCSO A Catterall.

### 30.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Morris, as a neighbour, declared a personal interest in planning application 11/00105/FUL.

### 31.11 Minutes of the Meeting held 10 February 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.

### 32.11 Public Participation

Councillor Iddon advised he had been provided with incorrect information, regarding the Youth and Community Centre, which he had passed on at the February meeting and apologised for this. The views of Carrington Centre public meeting concerning the redevelopment have been passed on to Northern Trust. Further funding has been made available for pothole repairs. Councillors raised concerns regarding the response of Chorley Council to street names suggested for the Sagar House development by the Parish Council. Cllr Iddon will look into this.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

### 33.11 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

The Clerk provided evidence of receipt of the parish precept request by Chorley Council.

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
£ 383.67	Employee 2	Salary
£ 418.71	Employee 3	Salary
£ 250.36	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 241.52	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 8.03	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 90.00	D Proe	Hedgecutting
£ 2756.40	DW Groundwork	Kick wall/Millennium Green works
£ 756.00	Argus Security Systems	Maintenance contracts
£ 198.61	E.on	Electricity bill
£ 20.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	Entry
£ 5.68	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£ 44.67	United Utilities	Water services charge

### 34.11 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

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

11/00105/FUL Loft conversion to include two front dormers and one rear dormer and new porch at 7 Hawkswood.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

#### 35.11 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

#### 36.11 Royal Wedding Celebrations

Councillors considered a request from Eccleston Youth and Community Centre for the use of the car park for a 'street party', open to all residents, on 29 April 2011, together with a request for a grant of approx £200 towards the cost of the event.

Resolved: permission to use the car park be granted and £200 be awarded, from the Village Activities budget.

#### 37.11 Community Right to Challenge/Community Right to Buy

Councillors discussed two consultations from the National Association of Local Councils. Councillors will advise the Clerk of any comments for submission.

#### 38.11 Diversion of Public Footpath 17

Councillors considered a notice of the diversion of part of Public Footpath No. 17, through Intake Farm, New Lane. The information was noted.

#### 39.11 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors considered entries for the Certificate of Merit categories.

Resolved: St Mary's Church, the Health Centre, The Fields, Rigbye's, Sybaris, Verdi's, Parr Hall Farm, the Parish Council's noticeboard in the Carrington Centre, Eccleston Cricket Club and the Village Green be entered into their respective categories.

#### 40.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

The Intergenerational Group held a pancake event. A family cycle event will be held this year in place of the Tour de Village. Marshals will be required.

Information on the forthcoming borough and parish elections, neighbourhood working and planning issues was provided to the Borough Council/Parish Clerks meeting

The PACT Meeting was provided with details of reported crimes.

#### 41.11 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for items of business, in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Resolved: Members of the public be excluded for the consideration of the following item.

#### 42.11 Personnel Matters

The salaries of the Lengthsman and Village Caretaker were reviewed.

Councillors agreed to investigate a suggestion to take on litter picking for a Parish Council.

#### 43.11 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 April 2011.

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