

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held 12 May 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 County and Borough Councillor K Iddon and 6 Members of the Public.

59.11 Election of Chairman for 2011 - 2012

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

Resolved: The Declaration of Acceptance of Office be received.

60.11 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors A Barnes and W Mason, and PCSO A Catterall.

61.10 Election of Vice Chairman for 2011 - 2012

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

62.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

Resolved: Agenda Item 9 be brought forward.

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

63.11 Public Participation

Residents of Bradley Lane advised of concerns with the latest proposals for the redevelopment of the Carrington Centre. The concerns included the access to Bradley Lane, which is congested at the present time, fears for the safety of trees subject to a Preservation Order, the filling in of the existing pond and transfer of wildlife to a new pond and construction of a long, straight road to serve the housing development. A resident mentioned possible misrepresentation by Northern Trust relating to the drainage of the existing pond, in particular concerning the location of a new drain. A resident queried the safeguarded status, under the Chorley Local Plan, of the land on which houses are proposed, which effectively gives the land Green belt status, and suggested the development is contrary to the Local Plan.

Councillors advised the residents comments would be taken into account when the full details contained within a planning application are considered.

Resolved: Standing orders be restored.

64.11 Appointment of Open Spaces Committee for 2011 - 2012

Resolved: Councillors Frost, Miller and Monks be appointed, with the remaining place to be filled at a future meeting.

65.10 Appointment of Working Groups for 2011 - 2012

Councillors discussed whether continuation of the existing Working Groups was appropriate.

Resolved: the Changing Rooms Management Group be dissolved until such time as it is required.

Resolved: the Village Events Group be dissolved.

Lead Member (Planning) - Councillor Miller.

66.10 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2010 - 2011

Resolved: the following be appointed:

Chorley Council Equality Forum - deferred pending co-option of additional Councillors.

Intergenerational Events - Councillors Lilley and Monks.

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

An appointment to Peter Lathom's Charity is to be made as and when vacancies arise.

67.11 Minutes of the Meeting held 14 April 2011

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

68.11 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 Lancashire Constabulary towards the purchase of high visibility armbands for young cyclists.

Resolved: a grant of £95.68 be awarded.

Councillors considered an offer to reduce insurance premium costs, and provide an extension of the first year's insurance by four months at no extra cost, in return for the signing of a 3 year long term agreement which will end in October 2014.

Resolved: the Council enters into the long term agreement.

Following the recent election replacement signatories are required for the bank mandate. It was suggested this should be dealt with at a future meeting with additional Councillors in attendance.

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
£ 393.20	Employee 2	Salary
£ 434.80	Employee 3	Salary
£ 206.80	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 75.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit fee
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loans Board	Loan repayment
£ 15719.40	Soft Play Surfaces	Safety surfacing
£ 1978.08	Broker Network	Annual insurance premium
£ 380.00	DWG (NW)	Replacement of kissing gates
£ 41.36	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£ 60.63	United Utilities	Water services charge

69.11 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

11/0082/FUL Erection of stable block incorporating 2 stables and tack room in the rear garden at 106 Towngate.

11/00330/COU Change of Use of existing residential dwelling to opticians shop and consulting rooms on ground floor with two bedroom first floor flat on first floor at 228 The Green.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

11/00308/FUL Subdivision of existing Oceans Apart retail unit to form two units (with new entrance to new unit), link extension to form a further retail unit (between Oceans Apart and hairdressers) and conversion of existing storage space to rear and above existing hairdressers to form 2 no. one bedroom apartments at 267 - 271 The Green.

Resolved: concerns regarding the purported provision of additional parking spaces and vehicles accessing directly onto Bannister Lane over the pavement be submitted.

Councillors were advised that on 14 April 2011 Chorley Council made Tree Preservation Order No 3 (Eccleston) 2011 to protect trees on the boundary of the proposed Carrington Centre redevelopment site. Seven trees are on the Recreation Ground boundary with the Carrington Centre.

70.11 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2011

Councillors received the report of the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: the report be noted.

71.11 Residential Car Parking Provision

A Chorley Council consultation regarding the number of parking spaces to be provided with new residential developments was considered.

Resolved: a suggestion for a minimum of 1 parking space per bedroom be submitted.

72.11 Lancashire County Council Community Transport Review

Councillors considered a Lancashire County Council review of Community Transport, being carried out as a result of a significant financial shortfall with the national concessionary fares scheme following the takeover of the scheme from district councils. Councillors had no comments.

73.11 Lancashire County Council Parish and Town Council Charter

Councillors considered a Lancashire County Council review questionnaire on the Charter.

Resolved: the Clerk is to respond on behalf of the Council

74.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

The Intergenerational Group has arranged a further Knitting Session. Planning for the Eccleston Family Cycle Ride is continuing and volunteer marshals are needed.

The PACT Meeting was provided with details of reported crimes.

75.11 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 June 2011.

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

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