

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 13 October 2011 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors R Monks (Chairman), J Delve, M Frost, S Harris, D Holborn, C Lilley, J Lilley and M Miller.

Also present 2 Members of the Public.

131.11 Election of Chairman for the Meeting

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Councillors elected a Chairman for this meeting.

Resolved: Cllr Monks be elected as Chairman for this meeting.

132.11 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, A Barnes, B Harrison, and W Mason, County and Borough Councillor K Iddon and PCSO A Catterall.

133.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Harris, as an employee of the Primary Care Trust, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in an item forming part of agenda item 6 (Planning Matters).

134.11 Minutes of the Meeting held 8 September 2011

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

135.11 Public Participation

A resident advised of concerns with proposals contained within the Sites for Chorley consultation document, which designates the area of land to the rear of the Carrington Centre, recently the subject of a refused planning application, as housing land.

Resolved: Agenda Item 10 be brought forward

136.11 Local Development Framework

Councillors considered a consultation from Chorley Council regarding the Sites for Chorley: Preferred Options Document.

Resolved: the following comments be submitted:

The land to the east of Tincklers Lane falls outside the natural development area of the village and the Parish Council would request its redesignation as open space, with an allocation for allotment/allotment gardens.

The Parish Council objects to the proposed designation of the land to the rear of the Carrington Centre as housing land and would request it retains its current safeguarded status. Any future development on this site should accord with local need.

The Parish Council questions the designation of Ecclestone as a Rural Local Service Centre.

137.11 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 cycle helmets for young cyclists.

Resolved: a grant of £100.00 be awarded.

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

£ 581.85	Employee 1	Salary
£ 426.38	Employee 2	Salary
£ 465.51	Employee 3	Salary
£ 222.80	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 17.10	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 100.00	Eccleston Scout and Guide HQ	Newsletter delivery
£ 187.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£ 90.00	Ark Welding	Play equipment repair
£ 258.84	Galaxy Print	Workwear
£ 125.00	DWG (NW)	Flower bed maintenance
£ 75.00	DWG (NW)	Staining noticeboard
£ 222.50	DWG (NW)	Millennium Green works
£ 152.91	British Gas	Gas bill
£ 215.44	E.on	Electricity bill
£ 60.55	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 46.32	United Utilities	Surface water charge

138.11 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

11/00771/COU Retrospective change of use from warehouse/workshop to children's activity centre at Clown Around, Units 5-6 Grove Park Industrial Estate, The Green.

Cllr Harris left the meeting.

11/00619/FUL Alterations to Eccleston Health Centre incorporating single storey front, side and rear extensions and a two storey front extension at Eccleston Health Centre, Doctors Lane.

Cllr Harris rejoined the meeting

11/00727/FUL Proposed manager's dwelling, hatchery building, stock ponds, access improvements, shelters and earth mounding and regularisation of existing car park and storage compound at Land 200m West of Bradley Hall Farm, Parr Lane.

Cllr Delve, as owner of a neighbouring property, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following application and left the meeting.

11/00818/FUL Conversion of barn to dwelling at Billinge Hall Farm, Southport Road.

Cllr Delve rejoined the meeting

11/00829/FUL Demolish existing detached garage and erect a replacement garage with games room in the roof space at Avondate, Towngate.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

139.11 Internal Audit

Councillors conducted the annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson be appointed and the fee be set at £85.

140.11 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed. Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £150 is to be made.

141.11 Electrical Repairs and Replacements

Councillors considered a quotation from Lancashire County Council to replace the Christmas lights pillar and the timer on the car park lighting column.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council be instructed to carry out the works at a cost of £849.50 (+VAT).

142.11 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England

Councillors considered a consultation from the Boundary Commission for England which would return the Eccleston and Mawdesley ward to the Chorley Parliamentary constituency. Councillors had no comments.

143.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Councillors had attended the recent Development Control Committee meeting at Chorley Council which considered the Carrington Centre application.

144.11 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 November 2011.

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

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