

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Councillors W Mason (Chairman), L Armstrong, A Barnes, J Delve, M Frost, S. Harris, B Harrison, D Holborn, C Lilley, J Lilley, M Miller and R Monks.

Also present PC L Elphick, PCSO A Catterall and 9 Members of the Public.

145.11 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County and Borough Councillor K Iddon.

146.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillors C Lilley, J Lilley and R Monks, as members of St Mary's PCC Committee, declared personal and prejudicial interests in an item forming part of agenda item 5 (Financial).

Cllr M Frost, as a member of Ecclestone Brass Band, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of agenda item 5 (Financial).

147.11 Minutes of the Meeting held 13 October 2011

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

148.11 Public Participation

Tenants of the Carrington Centre provided information in support of the redevelopment of the area. The tenants voiced concerns that, without redevelopment, the Centre would close resulting in a loss of shops and businesses in the village.

PC Elphick advised of organisational changes resulting in him now being responsible for seven villages. Some vehicles parked in the vicinity of the roundabout on Southport Road have received fixed penalties for parking without lights.

149.11 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

Councillors considered a suggestion for the Council to take up corporate membership of the Friends of St Mary the Virgin. The Friends raise funds towards the maintenance, restoration, repair and conservation of the Church building.

Resolved: the Parish Council joins the Friends of St Mary the Virgin, at a cost of £50.00 per annum.

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

£ 581.85	Employee 1	Salary
£ 414.26	Employee 2	Salary
£ 454.18	Employee 3	Salary
£ 217.20	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 13.05	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loans Board	Loan repayment
£ 175.00	DWG (NW)	Spring planting
£ 29.88	Galaxy Print	Workwear
£ 100.00	Lancashire Constabulary	Grant
£ 588.00	Argus Security Systems	Annual maintenance contracts
£ 150.00	Royal British Legion	Donation and wreath

£ 60.55 United Utilities
£ 46.32 United Utilities

Water services charge
Surface water charge

150.11 Planning Matters

The Chairman reported on a meeting he and the Clerk had attended at the invitation of representatives of Northern Trust. Northern Trust provided details of the application and appeal.

The following application was considered:

11/00930/FUL Erection of a new semi detached dormer bungalow to be built adjoining 33 Larkfield to provide additional accommodation for family member at 33 Larkfield.

Councillors had no comments relating to this application.

151.11 Eccleston Youth Club

The Youth Club is currently open one evening per week, with the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Group on another evening. This is scheduled to return to two evenings in April 2012, once internal reorganisation of LCC Youth Services is complete.

152.11 Carol Concert

The Concert will take place on Tuesday 20 December 2011, around the Christmas Tree on the Village Green. Councillors considered the amount of the donation to Eccleston Brass Band.

Resolved: a donation of £200 is to be made.

153.11 Diamond Jubilee Working Group

An event, based on a 1950's theme, was suggested for Saturday 2 June 2012. The event is to take the form of a Big Picnic. Suggestions for attractions and entertainment are to be confirmed.

154.11 Councillor Training

Councillors attending the recent financial training course provided very positive feedback.

155.11 Newsletter

Councillors discussed the format and content of the newsletter. Councillors agreed to retain the existing format.

156.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Most of the Borough/Parish Councils Liaison meeting was taken up with the Three Tier Forum.

The Intergenerational Group had arranged several successful events including the Family Cycle Day, the Rock School and Community Growing. Apple Day may be revamped as a Heritage Day.

The PACT Meeting was advised crime remains very low with only five reported crimes.

157.11 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 December 2011.

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

..... (Chairman)