

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 9 August 2012 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors W Mason (Chairman), L Armstrong, J Cannon, M Frost, B Harrison, D Holborn, C Lilley, J Lilley and M Miller.

Also present Borough and County Councillor K Iddon.

88.12 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor A Barnes and Borough Councillor H Caunce.

89.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

90.12 Minutes of the Meeting held 12 July 2012

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

91.12 Councillor Vacancies

Following recent resignations there are now two vacancies which may be filled by co-option. Councillors discussed how to attract applications. The lack of female members was noted.

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow Members of the Public to speak.

92.12 Public Participation

Some form of recognition for Ecclestone resident, Bradley Wiggins, victories in the Tour de France and Olympic Gold medal and structures to mark the entrances to the village were suggested. A local business has expressed a willingness to assist. The items were delegated to the Village Activities and Open Spaces Committees respectively.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

Resolved: Agenda Item 8 be brought forward.

93.12 LCC 20mph Proposed 20mph Speed Limits

Proposals to introduce 20mph speed limits to various roads in the Ecclestone North West area were discussed. Councillors were, in principle, in favour of the proposals however concerns were raised that the limits would not be enforced.

94.12 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

Current banking arrangements were reviewed.

Resolved: NatWest be retained as the Council's bankers

Resolved: the investment policy of placing funds on NatWest Treasury Reserve deposits be continued.

Resolved: Cllr C Lilley be added to the bank mandate as a cheque signatory.

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

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| £ 647.65 | Employee 1 | Salary |
| £ 425.66 | Employee 2 | Salary |
| £ 466.21 | Employee 3 | Salary |
| £ 245.77 | HM Revenue and Customs | Tax and NI |

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| £ 118.82 | Employee 2 | Reimbursements |
| £ 200.00 | St Mary's PCC | Grant |
| £ 150.00 | Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team | Grant |
| £ 58.00 | E.on | Electricity charge |
| £ 1.17 | United Utilities | Water services charge |
| £ 49.49 | United Utilities | Surface water charge |

95.12 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

12/00717/FUL Demolish existing conservatory and erect new conservatory with chimney at 61 Lydiate Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to this application.

96.12 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service - Performance Report and Action Plan Consultation

A consultation regarding the Action Plan and proposed staffing changes was considered. Councillors had no comments.

97.12 Council Meetings

The number of Ordinary meetings in the year was reviewed.

Resolved: the current schedule of 12 meetings should remain.

98.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

PACT Meeting - there were very few reported crimes. Rural areas have recently been subject to thefts of electrical cable from isolated farms.

99.12 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 September 2012.

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

..... (Chairman)