

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 13 December 2012 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors W Mason (Chairman), A Barnes, K Brown, B Harrison, D Holborn, C Lilley and M Miller.

137.12 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, J Cannon and J Lilley.

138.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Lilley, as an applicant, declared a pecuniary interest in an item forming part of agenda Item 6 (Planning Matters).

139.12 Minutes of the Meeting held 8 November 2012

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.

140.12 Public Participation

Residents had complained about an advertising board on the former Oceans Apart building. Chorley Council's Enforcement Officer has been informed.

A resident had complained about the repainting of bus shelters in red.

The Council was advised of rumours circulating regarding the Carrington Centre.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

141.12 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

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

£ 647.65	Employee 1	Salary
£ 425.66	Employee 2	Salary
£ 466.01	Employee 3	Salary
£ 245.97	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 381.80	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 18.00	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 307.80	J H Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£ 200.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£ 504.00	DWG (NW)	Works to trees
£ 4800.00	J T and K J Waterworth	Annual mowing contract
£ 100.00	Ecclestone Scout and Guide HQ	Newsletter delivery
£ 65.00	E.on	Electricity charge
£ 5.71	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 49.49	United Utilities	Surface water charge

142.12 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

12/01041/FUL Application for the installation of an automated teller machine to front elevation at Ecclestone Post Office, 14A The Carrington Centre, New Mill Street.

12/01042/ADV Installation of internally illuminated advertisement above proposed ATM at Eccleston Post Office, 14A The Carrington Centre, New Mill Street.

12/01088/CLPUD Replacement of conservatory with single storey rear extension at 2 Drapers Avenue.

12/01149/FUL Erection of a two storey side extension, side porch, insertion of dormer to first floor side, and extension to existing single garage to side and front make a double garage with pitched roof at 35 Beechfields.

12/0160/AGR Application for agricultural determination for the erection of a building to be used in connection with existing horticultural enterprise (including planting, pricking out, labelling and storage of pots) at 1 Southport Road .

12/01176/FUL Erection of conservatory to rear of detached dormer bungalow at Fir Tree Cottage, Wrennalls Lane.

Cllr Lilley took no part in the following item:

12/01181/FUL Single storey side and rear extension at 11 Middlewood Close.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

12/01092/FUL Two storey side extension, two storey rear/side extension and insertion of dormer windows to front and rear at 33 Larkfield - Councillors noted plans for this application were not available on Chorley Council's website.

143.12 Internal Audit

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year and the internal audit fee.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson be appointed and the fee set at £100.

144.12 2013-2014 Precept

Information was provided on dispensations required to allow Councillors to set the precept. Councillors were asked to advise the Clerk of any suggestions for inclusion in the 2013-2014 precept, which will be set at the January meeting.

145.12 Neighbourhood Working Arrangements

Information was provided on revisions to Neighbourhood Working arrangements which will include a representative from each parish council. Councillors considered the nomination of a representative.

Resolved: Cllr Miller be nominated.

146.12 Register of Interests

Information was provided on the new Register of Interests and Councillors supplied with a new form.

147.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Chorley Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting - information was provided on a review of Neighbourhood Working, Public Realm work now undertaken by Chorley Council, including grass cutting and overgrown hedges, an Open Space Study, the new Code of Conduct. The colour of paint used in repainting of bus shelters in rural areas was also discussed

PACT Meeting - PCSO Talbot-Carabini is to become a fulltime Police Officer. The Council's congratulations are to be sent. Reported crimes increased, but were generally minor in nature.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Executive Meeting - information was provided on alterations to LCC's mapping, which should assist with satnav directions, improved Community Infrastructure Levy monies for highway improvements and Neighbourhood Plans.

148.12 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for an item of business, in accordance with Section 1 (1) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

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

135.12 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.

136.12 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 January 2013.

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

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