

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 8 March 2012 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 Borough Councillor H Counce and 14 Members of the Public.

24.12 Apologies for absence

None received.

25.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

26.12 Minutes of the Meeting held 9 February 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.

27.12 Public Participation

A resident advised Lancashire County Council has allocated a number to the Village Green application for the area of land between Bradley Lane and the Carrington Centre and suggested that, if the Council withdraws its support an area of recreation may be lost. The application provides an opportunity to protect the area from development. 35 residents had provided evidence of public use in support of the Village Green application

A resident suggested the Council should have been aware of the implications of the original support for the planning application for the redevelopment of the Carrington Centre when the original decision to support the Village Green application was taken. Debate within the village has continued with between 500 - 600 residents against the planning application.

A resident advised there were over 800 supporters for the redevelopment of the Carrington Centre. Delays to date had caused issues for the tenants and there is a possibility that access to the development may come in from Middlewood Close.

A resident suggested that, in the long run, development would take over the football pitches off Bradley Lane.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

28.12 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:

£ 581.85	Employee 1	Salary
£ 417.24	Employee 2	Salary
£ 457.06	Employee 3	Salary
£ 218.60	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 206.54	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 8.10	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 30.00	D Proe	Hedgecutting
£ 2.24	E.on	Christmas lights electricity
£ 200.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£ 120.00	Signs and Graphics	Banners

£	20.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village	Competition entry
£	58.00	E.on	Electricity charge
£	60.55	United Utilities	Water services charge
£	46.32	United Utilities	Surface water charge

29.12 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

12/00031/FUL Layout of car park and access track at High Heys Farm, Langton Brow.

12/00089/COU Change of use from residential apartment to office accommodation at first floor level at 228 The Green.

12/00092/FUL Erection of an electrical meter building at High Heys Farm, Langton Brow.

12/00117/FUL Erection of a two storey side and front extension, erection of a front and rear dormer extension, erection of a single storey rear extension and the erection of an attached single storey garage at 44 Larkfield.

12/00150/FUL Erection of a single storey front entrance porch and a single storey rear bedroom/ lounge extension at 14 Gillcroft.

12/00165/FUL Change of use of ground floor from domestic to retail use and ground floor rear extension at 209 The Green.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

12/00187/FUL Erection of two storey detached dwelling and new vehicular access from Bannister Lane at Green Cottage, Woodhart Lane.

Resolved: an objection be lodged on the grounds that the application contravenes Chorley Council's Interim Policy for Private Garden Development and the proposed access, given its close proximity to Woodhart Lane and the junction of Bannister Lane with The Green, presents a danger to road safety in the area, particularly in view of the new access and parking spaces provided by the redevelopment of the Oceans Apart Retail Unit.

30.12 Village Green Application

Councillors considered a request to review a decision to support an application for Village Green Status for land between Bradley Lane and the Carrington Centre. The landowner, Northern Trust, has offered the football club a long term lease for their continued use of the pitch off Bradley Lane and would be willing to grant to the Parish Council control over the land forming the replacement pond and associated habitat mitigation area for community benefit. A lengthy debate ensued and discussions included what had changed since the original decision, that the original decision was taken by the Open Spaces Committee as opposed to full Council, whether the football club should seek a longer term lease and whether the Parish Council could protect the amenity.

A proposal to defer a decision to allow negotiations with the landowner to allow the Parish Council to lease the football pitch section of the land, or request a longer term lease for the Football Club, was defeated.

A proposal to continue the support for the Village Green application was defeated.

Resolved: the Parish Council's support for the Village Green application be withdrawn.

31.12 Community Infrastructure Levy

A consultation on the proposed Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was considered. The percentage of funding from the Levy available to Parish Council has yet to be decided. Councillors provided comments for submission.

Councillors thanked Cllr Miller for his work on this matter.

32.12 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Entries for the Certificate of Merit Section were discussed. The site of the Medical Centre is to be suggested for removal from the judging.

33.12 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 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

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

34.12 Personnel Matters

The salaries of the Lengthsman and Village Caretaker and the Clerk's hours of work were reviewed.

35.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

PACT Meeting - reported crime in the village remains low and that an additional PCSO is to be appointed for the village. A fish seller has been targeting elderly residents taking large amounts of money for fish. PCSO's have issued spot fines for dog fouling on the Millennium Green and littering on the Drapers Avenue car park.

Intergenerational Activities - the Pancake Making event was very successful. A village cycle ride is planned for 24 June 2012 and marshals are needed.

Three Tier Forum - items are required to take to the forum.

36.12 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 April 2012.

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

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