

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 10 May 2012 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also Present Borough Councillor H Counce and Borough and County Councillor K Iddon.

47.12 Election of Chairman for 2012 - 2013

Resolved: Cllr Mason be re-elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

48.12 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor B Harrison.

49.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Barnes, as a relative of a member of the Ladies Running Group, declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 14 (Use of Changing Rooms) and Cllr Mason, and an acquaintance of the applicant, declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9 (Councillor Vacancy).

50.12 Election of Vice Chairman for 2012 - 2013

Resolved: Cllr Frost be elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

51.12 Appointments to Committees

Councillors considered appointments to the Open Spaces Committee.

Resolved: Councillors Barnes, Frost, C Lilley and Miller be appointed.

Councillors considered appointments to the Diamond Jubilee Committee.

Resolved: Councillors Armstrong, Holborn, Miller and Monks be appointed.

52.12 Appointment of Lead Member (Planning)

Lead Member (Planning) - Councillor Miller.

53.12 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2012 - 2013

Resolved: the following be appointed:

Intergenerational Events - Councillors C Lilley and J Lilley.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - Cllr Miller.

Peter Lathom's Charity - Cllr Miller.

Tree Warden - Cllr Mason.

54.12 Minutes of the Meeting held 12 April 2012

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

55.12 Councillor Vacancy

An application from John Cannon was considered.

Resolved: John Cannon be co-opted.

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

56.12 Public Participation

Lancashire County Council is in the last term of a three year budget plan, which is on track. There will be investment in roads in the local area.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

57.12 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
£ 75.00	J Lawson	Internal audit fee
£ 52.97	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loans Board	Loan repayment
£ 480.00	Brothers of Charity Services	Hawthorns Play area maintenance
£ 99.00	L Ball	Village Courier advert
£ 150.00	A Pryce	Diamond Jubilee attractions
£ 300.00	B Gore	Childrens entertainment
£ 58.00	E.on	Electricity charge
£ 25.92	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 49.49	United Utilities	Surface water charge

58.12 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

12/00247/FUL Erection of 11kW Wind Turbine (re-submission of withdrawn application 11/00996/FUL) at Ingrave Farm, New Lane.

12/00267/ADV Two advertising signs on the exterior of premises at 215 The Green.

12/00365/FUL Extension to existing front dormer at 6 Hawkswood.

12/00374/TPO Trimming one third off two Oak trees cover by TPO 9 (Eccleston) 1989 at 24 Chaucer Close.

12/00442/AGR Application for prior notification of agricultural building to be used for housing sheep and lambs, and for storing farm machinery and a straw or hay crop at High Heys Farm, Langton Brow.

12/00443/FUL Construction of fish stock breeding pond at High Heys Farm, Langton Brow.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

12/00439/CLPUD Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed outbuilding incorporating a four bay garage, ground floor garden store and first floor store at Bridge House, Towngate. The acceptability of the size of the proposed building is to be queried with the Planning Officer.

59.12 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

Councillors considered the Statement of Accounts.

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Councillors received the report of the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: the report be noted.

A vote of thanks to the Clerk was proposed for his efforts in achieving a clean audit.

60.12 Use of Changing Rooms

A request, from a local Ladies Running Group, to use of the facilities within the Changing Rooms was considered.

Resolved: the Running Group be offered the use of the facilities

61.12 Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework

Councillors considered a consultation on the Effect of National Planning Policy Framework and its Technical Guidance on the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD and Proposals Map. Councillors had no comments.

62.12 Central Lancashire Draft Supplementary Planning Documents Consultation

Councillors considered a consultation on documents relating to Affordable Housing, Controlling Re-Use of Employment Premises, Rural Development, Access to Healthy Food and Design Guide. Councillors had no comments.

63.12 Open Spaces Committee

Further works to improve the Millennium Green, including seating, were discussed.

A solution to the problem of dislodged blocks on the Village Green's boundary with Ince Lane was considered, along with suggestions to fix the large stones in place.

A Committee member is continuing to walk the various public footpaths as research for the production of new Walks Maps.

64.12 Diamond Jubilee Committee

The marquee may be erected on Friday 1 June, with the Scouts considering a sponsored sleepover on the Friday night for security.

An advert has been placed in The Village Courier.

Visitor parking is to be on the Bradley Lane field.

65.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

The Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee discussed the Three Tier Forum and the Local Access Forum.

PACT Meeting - Attendees at the meeting were introduced to the new PCSO. Reported crime in the village continues at low levels.

66.12 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 June 2012.

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