

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 11 October 2012 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors M Frost (Chairman), L Armstrong, K Brown, D Holborn, J Lilley and M Miller.

Also present Borough and County Councillor K Iddon and 1 Member of the Public

### 112.12 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors A Barnes, J Cannon, B Harrison, C Lilley and W Mason.

### 113.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Frost, as a member of Ecclestone Brass Band, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 6 (Financial Matters).

### 114.12 Minutes of the Meeting held 13 September 2012

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

### 115.12 Councillor Vacancies

An application for co-option from Mrs Kate Brown was considered.

Resolved: Kate Brown be co-opted.

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

### 116.12 Public Participation

A resident of Lydiate Lane advised there are no 40mph repeater signs on Lydiate Lane. Cllr Iddon will take the issue up with Lancashire County Council.

A resident had mentioned the fencing off of the field, off Bradley Lane, around the new pond. The Landowner had advised the area has been cordoned off to allow it to develop naturally.

Bretherton Parish Council had advised of a letter sent to Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy regarding the effects of the proposed admissions policy for 2014.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

### 117.12 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

A grant application from Ecclestone Brass Band, towards the costs of installation of a fire door at the Band Room was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £100 be awarded

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
£ 11.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 100.00	Ecclestone Scout and Guide HQ	Newsletter delivery
£ 200.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£ 41.85	Euxton Parish Council	Refuse sacks

£	64.87	British Gas	Gas bill
£	48.00	E.on	Electricity charge
£	5.82	United Utilities	Water services charge
£	49.49	United Utilities	Surface water charge

118.12 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

12/00769/FUL Erection of agricultural building (adjoining eastern gable end of existing straw building) for animal isolation pens/calving pens at Ingrave Farm, New Lane.

12/00875/FUL Single storey side/rear extension to replace an existing side extension at 5 Westminster Place.

12/00883/FUL Erection of detached double garage at Bridge House, Towngate.

12/00940/FUL Erection of part two, part single, storey rear extension, roof extension with dormer windows and front porch at 10 Keats Close.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

119.12 Internal Audit Review

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out. Councillors agreed, despite there no longer being a requirement to separately complete this review, that it should be undertaken. The appointment of an Internal Auditor was deferred pending further information.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

120.12 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed. Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £150 is to be made.

121.12 Southport Road Waiting Restrictions

Lancashire County Council is proposing to extend the double yellow lines outside the Car Supermarket by a further 50 metres. Councillors had no objections to the proposals

122.12 Carol Concert Arrangements

Confirmation of a date from the Band is awaited. Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Band.

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

110.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

PACT Meeting - there were very few reported crimes in the village.

The Lancashire Association of Local Councils Meeting received information on fundraising, One Connect (the Lancashire County Council one stop supply company), insurance and liability issues on playgrounds and Neighbourhood Plans.

111.12 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 November 2012.

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

..... (Chairman)