

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Councillors M Frost (Chairman), A Barnes, J Cannon, B Harrison, D Holborn and M Miller.

Also present Borough Councillor H Caunce and 3 Members of the Public

100.12 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, C Lilley, J Lilley and W Mason.

101.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

102.12 Minutes of the Meeting held 9 August 2012

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

103.12 Councillor Vacancies

No applications received.

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

104.12 Public Participation

Representatives from Eccleston Young People's Centre asked for the Council to consider the provision of an all weather sports area on the Recreation Ground. Generally, the grass areas around the Centre are too wet to use and, on several occasions during the summer, Chorley Council's Get Up and Go Team could not use the Recreation Fields for organised activities as they were waterlogged. The representatives mentioned the facility could accommodate several different sports and could also be used by other local organisations, including the Scouts and Football Club. Cllr Caunce was supportive of the request.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

Resolved: Agenda Item 9 be brought forward.

105.12 All Weather Sports Area

The request from the Young People's Centre was discussed at length, including funding implications and grant submissions. The representatives were asked to come back with some firm ideas as to what was required including dimensions and suggestions for funding. Councillors expressed, in principle support, for the request, which is to be passed on to the Open Spaces Committee to consider the issue in detail.

Resolved: Agenda Item 7 be brought forward.

106.12 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.

107.12 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:

£ 647.45	Employee 1	Salary
£ 425.66	Employee 2	Salary
£ 466.01	Employee 3	Salary
£ 246.17	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 36.83	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 164.77	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 2110.01	Broker Network	Annual insurance premium
£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Registration
£ 480.00	BDO LLP	Audit fee
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Subscription
£ 58.00	E.on	Electricity charge
£ 1.11	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 49.49	United Utilities	Surface water charge

108.12 Annual Return

The report of the External Auditor was presented.

Resolved: the Annual Return be accepted and approved.

109.12 Village Activities Committee

A report from a recent meeting, attended by several residents, was provided. The suggestion to bring a funfair to the village was discussed and Councillors advised that, if this were to happen it would be held on the field next to Bradley Lane, with parking on the field. The types and times of operation of the rides would be set by the Council. The Committee is extremely keen to provide activities for younger people. Suggestions for some form of recognition for the achievements of Bradley Wiggins were discussed.

110.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

The Borough/Parish Liaison Meeting received updates on the new Code of Conduct, the Community Infrastructure Levy, the Local Development Framework and the grass cutting service carried out by Chorley Council.

111.12 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11October 2012.

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

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