

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 10 January 2013 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors W Mason (Chairman), L Armstrong, K Brown, J Cannon, M Frost, B Harrison, D Holborn, C Lilley, J Lilley and M Miller.

Also present 1 Member of the Public

01.13 Apologies for absence

None received.

02.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillors Mason, Armstrong, Brown, Cannon, Frost, Harrison, Holborn, C Lilley, J Lilley and Miller, as council tax payers resident within the parish, declared pecuniary interests in Agenda Item 7 (Precept 2013-14).

Councillors considered the granting of dispensations to all Members, in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, relieving them of restrictions contained within Section 31 of the Act referring to pecuniary interests to enable the setting of the precept for the parish of Ecclestone. Each Councillor submitted a written request for a dispensation, until the end of the current terms of office, to the Clerk.

Resolved: dispensations were granted to Councillors, with a pecuniary interest, enabling participation in the setting of the precept until the end of their current terms of office.

03.13 Minutes of the Meeting held 13 December 2012

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

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

04.13 Public Participation

Potholes were reported on several roads throughout the village.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

05.13 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 were 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
£ 245.77	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 18.00	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 200.00	Ecclestone Brass Band	Donation
£ 50.00	Friends of St Mary the Virgin	Membership
£ 72.00	Ark Welding	Repair to play area gate
£ 254.10	British Gas	Gas bill
£ 65.00	E.on	Electricity charge
£ 11.67	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 49.49	United Utilities	Surface water charge

06.13 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

12/01215/FUL Demolition of existing garage and conservatory and erection of two storey side and rear extension at 20 Reeveswood.

Councillors had no comments relating to this application.

07.13 2013-2014 Precept

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year. The Council Tax Base has been reduced by 4% as a result of the impact of the Localised Council Tax Benefit Support Scheme however, this has been partially offset by a grant from Chorley Council.

Resolved: the Precept for 2013 - 2014 was set at £39667, a reduction of £1640 over the previous year, resulting in no increase in the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

08.13 Millennium Green - Young People's Facility

A suggestion, from Lancashire County Council, to locate a Young People's facility on the Millennium Green was considered. Councillors were of the opinion the existing Youth Centre, which already has mains services and parking facilities should be developed.

09.13 Community Defibrillator

A request for support, in the form of association with the Parish Council's name, for a fund raising appeal for a community defibrillator was considered, together with a request for the Council to hold monies raised on behalf of the appeal.

Resolved: the appeal is allowed to associate itself with the Parish Council for this venture.

Resolved: monies from the appeal will be held in a specific earmarked budget by the Council.

10.13 Open Spaces Committee

The Chairman of the Committee provided a verbal report from the meeting held on 3 January 2013. Members are working with the Youth Centre on design details for the All Weather Ball Court. A neighbouring parish council is about to publish a map of public rights of way and Members are waiting to see this prior to a final decision on the Walks Maps. Funds from a planning agreement for the redevelopment of the Sagar House site have been received and it is hoped work on the path around the Recreation Ground will start in April.

11.13 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

12.13 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.

13.13 Will Trust

Councillors received a report regarding a will trust.

14.13 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 February 2013.

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

..... (Chairman)

Eccleston Parish Council

Budget 1 April 2013 - 31 March 2014

	Salaries	22000
	General office expenses	600
	Staff Costs	300
	Training	300
	Changing Rooms	7500
	Subscriptions/entries	525
	Repairs and replacements	2750
	Annual audit	500
	Ground maintenance	5500
	Millennium Green	7500
	Newsletter	1000
	Donations	1000
	Flowers/planting	750
	Christmas celebrations	600
	Litter bins	1000
	Play equipment	5000
	Equipment inspections	150
	Dog Bins	525
	Speed Indicator Device	500
	Insurance	2250
	Village activities	4000
	Sundries	1000
	Earmarked Reserves	2500
	General Reserve	7000
		<u>74750</u>
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	Estimated Balance as at 10.01.13	38000
Add:	Anticipated income to 31.03.13	17384
		55384
Less:	Anticipated requirements to 31.03.13	21937
	Balance forward	33447
Add:	Proposed precept	39667
Add:	Proposed top up grant	1636
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