

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 14 February 2013 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors W Mason (Chairman), K Brown, J Cannon, M Frost, C Lilley and M Miller.

Also present 8 Members of the Public

15.13 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, B Harrison and D Holborn.

16.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Cannon, as a Best kept Village Competition Judge declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 (Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition).

17.13 Minutes of the Meeting held 10 January 2013

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.

18.13 Public Participation

Representatives from Ecclestone Scout Group provided information on a Community Challenge Badge Scheme for 2013. Scouts and parents would like to take part in schemes which would benefit the community. A number of suggestions were discussed.

Residents, who had visited the Carrington Centre Open Day, advised they were unhappy with the proposals, particularly with regard to the entrance and the impact on existing problematical drainage. The Clerk is to look into the drainage issue.

Ecclestone Young People's Centre requested use of the Fields and car park for an event.

Ecclestone Brass Band thanked the Council for its donation.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

Resolved: Agenda Item 9 was brought forward.

19.13 Ecclestone Scout Group

Councillors discussed the request from the Scout Group to take part in a community project. The Scouts are to be invited to the next meeting of the Open Spaces Committee to discuss the project in more detail and the Village Activities Committee will also look into suggestions.

20.13 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:

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| £ 647.65 | Employee 1 | Salary |
| £ 437.89 | Employee 2 | Salary |
| £ 477.42 | Employee 3 | Salary |
| £ 251.97 | HM Revenue and Customs | Tax and NI |
| £ 17.55 | Employee 2 | Reimbursements |
| £ 87.00 | DWG North West | Replacement fence |
| £ 65.00 | E.on | Electricity charge |
| £ 11.62 | United Utilities | Water services charge |
| £ 49.49 | United Utilities | Surface water charge |

21.13 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

13/00022/FUL Erection of two storey side extension at 94 The Hawthorns.

13/00045/FUL Erection of two storey side extension and single storey porch to side at 40 Beechfields.

13/00069/FUL Remodelling of detached bungalow to create first floor with a ground floor part front/part side extension, conversion of hipped roof with gable end to front and addition of side and rear dormers at Four Winds, Southport Road.

13/00080/FUL Ground floor side and ground/first floor rear extension at 113 Towngate.

13/00097/FUL Erection of two storey rear extension at 2 Conway Road.

13/00103/FUL Erection of two storey rear extension and integrated garage to the side at 72 Richmond Road.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

22.13 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

23.13 Summer 2013/Spring 2014 Planting

Councillors discussed the planting for the forthcoming year. A suggestion was put forward for the Scout Group to carry out the planting however Councillors felt the Scouts projects should be in addition to the Council's regular work, rather than replacing it.

Resolved: planting is to be carried out by DWG North West.

24.13 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

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

25.13 Consultations

Councillors considered consultations from Central Lancashire regarding the Open Space and Playing Pitch Supplementary Planning Document and the Highways and Transport Masterplan. Councillors had no comments to make.

26.13 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - dates of the meetings are to be changed to tie in with the Borough/Parish Council Liaison meetings.

The Friends of St Mary's Church invited a Councillor to join its committee. Cllr Brown volunteered.

PACT Meeting - levels of reported crime were low for the time of year.

27.13 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 March 2013.

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

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