

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 11 April 2013 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors W Mason (Chairman), L Armstrong, A Barnes, D Bonney, J Cannon, H Counce, M Frost, B Harrison, C Lilley and M Miller.

Also present Borough and County Councillor K Iddon and 3 Members of the Public

41.13 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Brown and D Holborn.

42.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

43.13 Minutes of the Meeting held 14 March 2013

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

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

44.13 Public Participation

A member of the public queried the adjournment of the meeting immediately prior to the co-options during the March meeting. The member of the public was asked to submit any complaints, in writing, to the Clerk.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

45.13 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement for the year ended 31 March 2013.

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

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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:

£ 649.09	Employee 1	Salary
£ 424.04	Employee 2	Salary
£ 466.52	Employee 3	Salary
£ 238.48	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 2.37	Eon	Christmas lights electricity
£ 476.35	LALC	Annual subscription
£ 114.00	Nicholsons Solicitors	Lease inspection fees
£ 734.76	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 603.04	Chorley Council	Dog waste bin emptying
£ 45.00	DWG (North West)	Repair to Millennium Green fence
£ 761.31	British Gas	Gas bill
£ 100.00	Ecclestone Scout and Guide HQ	Newsletter delivery
£ 65.00	E.on	Electricity charge
£ 11.16	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 47.17	United Utilities	Surface water charge

46.13 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

13/00262/FUL Two storey rear extension at 55 Lydiate Lane.

13/00290/FUL Erection of a single storey side/rear extension at 94 The Hawthorns.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

47.13 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2013

Councillors considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2013.

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

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

Resolved: the Asset Register was approved and signed by the Chairman.

48.13 Ecclestone Young People's Centre

A request, from Ecclestone Young People's Centre to use part of the car park and the Recreation Field for an event on Wednesday 10 April 2013, was considered.

Resolved: permission to use the car park and field was granted

49.13 Drapers Avenue Car Park

Councillors considered a request, from Ecclestone and Heskin FC, to site a skip on the car park for the 5-a- Side Tournament for disposal of litter and rubbish.

Resolved: permission to site the skip was granted.

50.13 Bonfire

A request, from Chorley Lions, to arrange a bonfire within the village, was considered. The Millennium Green was initially suggested however Heskin Hall was felt to be a better location and enquiries are to be made with the landowner.

51.13 Land between Public Footpaths FP1a and FP19 (Mill Lane)

A suggestion for the Council to adopt the area between the public footpaths was considered. The path is in need of maintenance. A Land Registry search has revealed there is no registered owner. A suggestion for Lancashire County Council to designate the path as a public right of way was put forward.

Resolved: the Public Rights of Way Officer's advice on the designation is to be obtained

52.13 Open Spaces Committee

The Chairman of the Committee provided a verbal report from the meeting held on 19 March 2013. Final specifications for tender documents have been produced for distribution to tenderers, with a view to presenting a recommendation of a contractor to full Council at the May meeting. It is envisaged the Walks maps will be available in approximately three months.

53.13 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

PACT Meeting - crime remains very low with only four reports in the village. Operation Cannon, which involved a number of Officers and PCSOs checking whether vehicles and house doors were locked, was very successful, highlighting a number of unlocked cars and homes.

54.13 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 May 2013.

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

..... (Chairman)