

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held 9 May 2013 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present Borough and County Councillor K Iddon.

55.13 Election of Chairman for 2013 - 2014

Resolved: Cllr Frost was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Members offered a vote of thanks to Cllr Mason for his services as Chairman over the past five years.

56.13 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor H Caunce.

57.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Mason, as a regular user of the Post Office and as a member of Leyland and Moss Side Allotment Association, declared personal interests in Agenda Items 15 (Ecclestone Post Office) and 17 (Changing Rooms).

58.13 Election of Vice Chairman for 2013 - 2014

Resolved: Cllr Brown was elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

59.13 Appointments to Committees

Open Spaces Committee - Councillors Barnes, Frost, Lilley and Miller.

Village Activities Committee - Councillors Armstrong, Brown, Holborn, Lilley and Miller.

60.13 Appointment of Lead Member (Planning)

Lead Member (Planning) - Councillor Miller.

61.13 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2013 - 2014

Resolved: the following be appointed:

Borough Parish Liaison Meeting - Cllr Frost.

Friends of St Mary's - Cllr Brown.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - Cllr Miller.

PACT Meeting - Cllr Mason.

Peter Lathom's Charity - Cllr Miller.

Tree Warden - Cllr Mason.

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Cllr Miller

62.13 Minutes of the Meeting held 11 April 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.

63.13 Public Participation

The meeting was advised that, due to the County elections resulting in no overall control at Lancashire County Council, negotiations are taking place between the various groups to try to form a ruling coalition.

Residents have expressed concerns regarding the closure of the Co-op in July.

The 'chicane' on Doctors Lane is to be removed in July.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

64.13 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

Councillors considered a grant application from Ecclestone Scout and Guide HQ towards the cost of repairs to the roof of the Scout Hut.

Resolved: £200 was awarded.

Resolved: the following payments were approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements:

£ 649.09	Employee 1	Salary
£ 436.86	Employee 2	Salary
£ 478.30	Employee 3	Salary
£ 238.48	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 15.55	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 75.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit fee
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loans Board	Loan repayment
£ 65.00	E.on	Electricity charge
£ 11.07	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 52.09	United Utilities	Surface water charge

65.13 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

13/00184/FUL Dropped kerb to provide vehicular access at 316 The Green.

13/00296/ADV Retrospective application for advertisement consent for non-illuminated sign at first floor level on front of building at 'Flair' 269 The Green.

13/00334/FUL Two storey side extension plus porch (resubmission of 13/00045/FUL showing revised roof detail) at 40 Beechfields.

13/00353/FUL (1) Erection of a building to be used for a fish hatchery, storage and administration; and (2) Creation of two brood stock holding ponds at High Heys Farm, Langton Brow.

13/00367/FUL Proposed single storey extension to the front and rear at Verdes Ristorante Pizzeria, 230 - 232 The Green.

13/00371/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension at 11 Cricketers Green.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

66.13 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2013

Councillors received the report of the Internal Auditor.

The report was noted.

67.13 All Weather Ball Court

The Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee described the procedure for the evaluation of tenders. The Committee has evaluated the tender documents from five contractors. Three of the contractors have been asked to clarify minor issues and, once the information has been received, the Committee will meet with a view to providing a recommendation for a contractor to the next Council meeting.

68.13 Football Pitch to the Rear of the Carrington Centre

Permission for the sub letting of the football pitch is awaited from the Landowner. The matter was deferred to a future meeting.

69.13 Eccleston Post Office

A consultation regarding the proposed move of the Post Office to new premises within the Carrington Centre redevelopment was considered. Councillors had no comments.

70.13 Drapers Avenue Surface Water Drainage

A report on a survey of the piped ditch between properties on Drapers Avenue and the Carrington Centre was provided. A camera survey has been completed and the ditch mapped. The results showed the pipe to be within the domestic curtilage of several of the properties and to be obstructed by tree roots. The Consultant has written to properties along the line of the drain advising of the findings and pointing out the riparian responsibility for drainage ditches.

Resolved: a response is to be provided to the resident who initially contacted the Council advising that the Council is unable to take the matter further.

71.13 Changing Rooms

Councillors considered a request from Leyland Moss Side Allotment Association, which includes a number of Eccleston residents, for use of the Meeting Room for bi-monthly meetings.

Resolved: permission was granted.

72.13 Lancashire County Council Consultation

Councillors considered a consultation on proposed changes to the County Council's Application Verification Checklist, associated guidance and application form relating to mineral and waste developments and associated guidance. The lack of a geological survey was queried.

73.13 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

PACT Meeting - there was a sharp increase in the number of recorded crimes to thirteen. It was noted that the majority were of a minor nature.

Friends of St Mary's - an Open Gardens event is to be held in July. Details are to be provided for inclusion in the June newsletter

74.13 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 June 2013.

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

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