

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Present Councillors M Frost (Chairman), A Barnes, K Brown, J Cannon, H Caunce, B Harrison, C Lilley, W Mason and M Miller.

Also present 2 Members of the Public.

### 87.13 Apologies for absence

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

### 88.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 89.13 Minutes of the Meeting held 13 June 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.

### 90.13 Public Participation

Residents of Drapers Avenue advised of concerns regarding the impact of surface water from the redevelopment of the Carrington Centre on the drain to the rear of their properties. Councillors advised the plans for the new development show all surface water will be channelled directly onto the main drain on The Green, via attenuation tanks. The residents also advised they had inspected the drain and found it may be blocked towards The Green.

It was reported that liquid is draining from the brown bin recycling wagon on estate roads.

A resident of Newlands had mentioned trees on the Millennium Green were blocking the sun from a rear garden. The matter was referred to the next meeting of the Open Spaces Committee.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 91.13 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:

£ 649.09	Employee 1	Salary
£ 436.66	Employee 2	Salary
£ 489.88	Employee 3	Salary
£ 250.79	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 11.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 396.00	BDO LLP	Audit fee
£ 558.00	DWG (NW)	Summer planting
£ 29.00	CPRE	Annual subscription
£ 150.00	Bowland Pennine MRT	Grant
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription
£ 377.13	British Gas	Gas bill
£ 100.00	Ecclestone Scout and Guide HQ	Newsletter delivery
£ 53.00	E.on	Electricity charge
£ 12.63	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 52.09	United Utilities	Surface water charge

### 92.13 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

13/00421/FUL Change of use of agricultural building to B1 Caravan Storage at Winter View Farm, Parr Lane.

13/00558/FUL Conversion of two houses in multiple occupation (formerly two semi detached houses) to four self contained flats including external work and car parking, two single storey extensions, conversion of loft and insertion of first floor windows in the gable end of each property at 120 - 122 Towngate.

13/00570/FUL Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 1 Parr Lane.

13/00601/FUL Relocation of existing stable block and muck midden including associated hardstanding and new vehicular access from Bradley Lane at land 55m NE of 53 Bradley Lane.

13/00614/FUL Proposed single storey side extension at 32 Larkfield.

13/00634/FUL Erection of two storey side extension, with habitable loft accommodation, and single storey rear extension at 57 Parr Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

### 93.13 Annual Return

The report of the External Auditor was presented.

Resolved: the Annual Return was accepted and approved.

### 94.13 Land off Bradley Lane

A request from the Landowner to revise a clause on the existing lease to improve the right of connection to existing services within the land subject to the lease was considered. Councillors requested the clause be examined by the Council's solicitor prior to a decision.

Councillors considered the offer of the gift, in perpetuity, of the new pond and surrounding area.

Resolved: the offer is to be accepted subject to completion by the Landowner of all ecological works to the satisfaction of the Council.

### 95.13 Proposal to introduce parking restrictions at the junction of Bradley Lane and New Street

A Lancashire County Council proposal to introduce No Waiting at any time restrictions at the junction of Bradley Lane and New Street was considered. Current problems with parking on the junction were acknowledged however there is a shortage of parking spaces for residents in the immediate area. It was also mentioned that current parking restrictions are not enforced.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council is to be asked to revisit the proposal to provide a solution which accommodates residents' needs.

### 96.13 Open Spaces Committee

The Chairman provided a report from the latest meeting of the Committee. The Ball Court project is at a stage where work is being undertaken, in conjunction with the Young People's Centre, to progress a funding bid to Chorley Council along with a planning application. Repairs to the Skatepark surface are being investigated and further discussion on the possible introduction of a specific dog running area in one corner of the Recreation Ground took place. The Council's opinion on the design of the proposed Walks Map was sought. Councillors were in favour of the design.

### 97.13 Validation Criteria for Planning Applications

Councillors considered a consultation on proposed revisions to Chorley Council's Planning Application Verification Checklist. Councillors had no comments.

98.13 Bishop Rawstone Admissions Policy

A suggestion for the submission of an objection to schools admissions arrangements in respect of the revised Bishop Rawstone C of E Academy admission policy was discussed. Councillors were of the opinion this was more a matter for parents than the Council.

99.13 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

PACT Meeting - There were 5 recorded crimes, mainly thefts. Since the PACT meeting an attempted armed robbery had occurred at the NatWest Bank.

100.13 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 August 2013.

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

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