

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 8 August 2013 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), L Armstrong, D Bonney, H Counce, B Harrison, C Lilley, W Mason and M Miller.

Also present PS Palmer-Davies, PCSO Cochrane and 1 Member of the Public.

### 101.13 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors A Barnes, M Frost, and D Holborn.

### 102.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 103.13 Minutes of the Meeting held 11 July 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.

### 104.13 Public Participation

PS Palmer-Davies and PCSO Cochrane introduced themselves to the Council.

A resident mentioned the possibility of future problems with provision of policing for Walking Day. The local Police are awaiting directives from senior officers.

The recent robbery at the NatWest Bank was mentioned.

A resident of Bradley Lane had queried issues regarding damage caused by the Fairground operator, signage on Bannister Lane, parking at St Mary's Church and a hedge on Bradley Lane.

A resident had queried progress on the recognition for Sir Bradley Wiggins and village entrance markers.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 105.13 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:

£ 667.14	Employee 1	Salary
£ 436.66	Employee 2	Salary
£ 478.10	Employee 3	Salary
£ 260.25	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 16.20	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 53.00	E.on	Electricity charge
£ 12.63	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 52.09	United Utilities	Surface water charge

### 106.13 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

13/00572/FULMAJ Full planning application for the erection of 23 dwellings with associated parking, roads and open spaces at Sagar House, Langton Brow.

13/00695/FUL Proposed single storey extension to the front and rear and alterations to car park (resubmission of application 13/00367/FUL) at Verdes Ristorante Pizzeria, 230 - 232 The Green.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

13/00675/FUL Erection of dormer bungalow at Lower House Cottage, Towngate - concerns were expressed regarding the suitability of the building for the area and that it represented a garden grab.

107.13 Lease of Land off Bradley Lane

Following receipt of an opinion from the Council’s legal advisor on a proposed revision to the original lease, Councillors considered a request for the revision. A concern was raised that agreeing to the revision would weaken the Council’s position in the event of any future requests for revisions being made.

Resolved: the Landlord is to be advised the Council is unwilling to agree to the amendment.

108.13 Changing Rooms Monitoring and Evaluation Support Day

Volunteers were sought for attendance at a meeting regarding the Changing Rooms grant, in the company of representatives of Eccleston and Heskin FC. Attendance at the meeting is a requirement of the original grant award. There were no volunteers.

109.13 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Consultation

The Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report and Action Plan 2013 - Incorporating Emergency Cover Review was considered. Councillors had no comments.

110.13 Open Spaces Committee

A report from the latest meeting of the Committee was provided. Maintenance of trees and boundary hedges on the Millennium Green and boundary hedges on the recreation Ground were discussed. Hedges are to be reduced to 1.5m in height to assist future maintenance. The funding bid for the Ball Court is shortly to go before Chorley Council’s Executive Committee. Work is continuing on the Walks Map. Prices for repairs of the Skatepark equipment are awaited. Due to cost implications, the introduction of the dog running area on the Recreation Ground was put on hold.

111.13 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

PACT Meeting - The Neighbourhood Policing Team is now back to full strength and reported crimes were very low however, there had since been the robbery at the Bank. Illegal and inconsiderate parking will be targeted. Free standing mail boxes are being targeted by thieves.

Borough/Parish Council Liaison - information was provided on the Community Infrastructure Levy, planning responses and consultations and a policy on wind turbine applications.

The Chairman is to attend the installation of the new Priest in Charge at St Mary’s Church

112.13 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 September 2013.

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

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